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The Ship Minerva capt John Harper
Pease being ready to sail for the Pacific Ocean on a
Whaling voyage, I wish you to have $12000 insured on sh
& outfits at & from New Bedford until her return to th
port with the usual liberties given on such voyages, sa
$6000 for Wm R Rotch & Co (and $6000 for John Coggeshall Jun
The Minerva is 239 tons built of live oak & red cedar, and
in every respect a most excellent vessel. — The Insuranc
may be included in one policy, but if as agreeable to th
office, I should prefer two premium notes which shall b
signed & immediately returned to you, I wish you to have
Insurance effected as low as possible

I have taken into partnership Joi R. Anthony an
in future my business will be conducted under the firm
Wm R Rotch & Co. — Our respective signatures we annex
which please notice — Your a/c current with me you
will as usual forward to the close of the year, & the bala
please transfer to the company account.

The Minerva & outfits valued at $15000, we have not
given higher than 8 pct on our vessels & hope you can do bet

Signature of W R Rotch — Wm R Rotch & Co With esteem
" — of J Anthony — Wm Rotch & Co Sig[d] W R Rotch

Brewster Bush & Richmond 12 Mo 26. 1819

My Friends Seth Russell & Sons Have given me a
statement of my proportion of the Iron sold you by the Elizab
which is 53. 2. 0. 23 @ $105 20/100 am[t] $5592. 57/100 pass[d] to your debit.

I am now almost out of Iron Hoops & will thank you to send
me ten tons 4/4 as soon as you can conveniently. —

My Friend J. Anthony has become my partner in
business & our firm is Wm R Rotch & Co the Iron above mentio
will be transferred to our Company books

With esteem &
Signed Wm R Rotch

2d

Josiah Bradlee & Co. New Bedford 2 Mo 27. 1819

Enclosed we send you two setts of Exchange on Thos Dickason & Co London for £300 & £200 Sterling, which please dispose of to the best advantage for cash, which we presume can be done at ¾ pct discount at most to advise us of the sale thereof. We shall probably wish to draw on you next week for Two thousand dollars -

Your Friends Wm A Rotch & Co

New Bedford 1 Month 4. 1818.

Capt John Harper Pease.

Respected friend,

Having entrusted the Ship Minerva to thy care, it is our wish that thou shouldst proceed with all possible dispatch to sea.

The ship is in fine order, and with this we will hand thee a list of what thou hast on board. As the Minerva is a fast sailing Ship, and fitted in the best manner, we are in hopes by the attention of the officers that you will soon fill her, and make a speedy return As in a whaling Voyage to the Pacific Ocean it would be impossible for us to point out any particular course to thee, yet we would suggest some ideas which we deem necessary to attend to all the ports to the windward are in possession of the patriots as far as Lima which belongs to the Royalists, and it would be best to avoid going into port as much as possible, as charges are constantly taking place in South America which might lead to some embarrisments. Thou must not attempt to enter any port belonging to the Patriots, should thy Papers be endorsed Their and thou will be particularly careful to avoid all trading, except what may be necessary for supplies for the ship -

As many of our Masters are to much in the habit of visiting and giving dinners on board of their ships, and frequently to the injury of their Voyages, thou will be very cautious of accepting their invitations that it may not lay the under the necessity of, in

thy turn inviting them, remembering, that at the best such a Voyage is long, and that there is not time to remain inactive. Thou will recollect that Capt. Price of the ship Swift found whales very plenty about 20 miles north of the line, If thou shouldst find whales very wild & scearce, perhaps it would be well to go to the North as far as lat. 32. of this however we leave the at liberty to do as thou shalt think proper. We enclose thee Bills of Lading which shouldst thou be so fortunate as to procure oil on thy passage and thou will have signed and forward to us, we should prefer thy making the Shipment from the Cape de Verd Islands to Newyork rather than Boston, if to the former consign it to F & G. but if the latter G B & C. and we hope the the present high price will stimulate you to use your best endeavers to make us a Shipment. We shall give thee a file of News papers which after perusing thyself thou will please hand to Capt. Downs of the Macedonian, as also present him with a part of the Box of Sperm Candles which I shall put on board for such purposes,

We flatter ourselves that this Voyage will be pursued by all with a determination to avoid all unnecessary difficulties as also all disputes and any Suggestions to each other that might excite unpleasant feelings, and that every exertion on the part of the officers will be Made to procure harmony and good will to each other,

Wishing thee a Succesful and pleasent Voyage
we are with respect thy friends,
Signed William R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 2 Mo. 27th. 1819

Fish & Grinnell,

Permit me to acquaint you of my having taken as partner, my frd. J. R. A. and that in future our business will be conducted under the firme of W. R. R. & having been entirely satisfied with all my transations with your respected house, we shall entrust all our business in future to your care and I fervently hope it will prove to our mutual interest, I am W. R. Rotch.

New Bedford 3 mo 10. 1819.

Josiah Bradlee & Co.
Respected Friend.

The object of this is to request the favour of you to have some Insurance effected for us on the Brig Elizabeth capt. Geo. Almy, and cargo, say $4000. on the vessell, and 3000 on the cargo, from this port to Bremen, the Elizabeth sailed the 28th ultimo— I. Arnold informs us you could get it done for 1¾ pcd. for him. We should be willing to give the same premium, but not more, Earl appears to be an industrious mechanic, and his responsibily for a small amount might be good; but his character does not stand very fair, this in confidence)

Respectfully Your friends
Signed. Wm R. Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 3 mo 11. 1819.

Josiah Bradlee & Co.
Respected Friend.

We enclose a bill of Exchange on London for £500 which please dispose of for our a/c, which we hope you can be able to do at par. Please in your next mention the prospect for sale of exchange this spring, and we shall wish sell about £1000.

We are, respectfully
Your ass.d Friends,
Signed William R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 3 mo 12. 1819.

Crocker Bush & Richmond.
Respected Friends,

We are in want of a ton of 3d hoops, which we would thank you to send us by the first vessel—

We remain Your Friends,

Signed William R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 3 Mo 14th. 1819

Josiah Bradlee & Co
Respected Friends;

Your favour 12th annd a policy on the Elizabeth is received the premium note we have signed & herewith enclosed it. The Brig we still value at $8000 & do not consider it a high valuation, she is a very superior vessell, we own one half of her.

We are Your Friends.
Signed W. R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford 3 Mo 24th 1819

Benjn Blossom
Respected Friend

Thy favour of the 13 ulting with Invoice of 4 barrels Rye flour to our Wm R. Rotch, is received the barrel for thy father was sent him. We have not been able to effect sales of the remaining three barrels owing to the very low price of Wheat flour.

We should think the best that could be done with it would be to sell it at auction

Respectfully Your Friends
Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 3 Mo 29. 1819.

Josiah Bradlee & Co
Respected Friends.

Enclosed we send you a sett of Exchange on London for £500 which please dispose of for our account, we should not like for it to be sold under par

We remain Your Friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

New Bedford 4 Mo 16th 1819.

Fish & Grinnell

Respected Friends,

Above we send you Jos. Ricketson's draft on you for five hundred dollars which please pass to our Credit. We wish you to send us by the Boston Sixteen barrels prime Pork, if she will take it, please send it by the first vessel as we shall be in want of it.

Your Assured Friends

Signed William R. Rotch & Co.

Josiah D Bradlee & Co. 4 Mo 19th 1819.

We enclosed a sett of Exchange on London for £650 Stg. which please dispose of for our account and not under par

Your Ass. Friends

Signed William R. Rotch & Co

4 Mo 27th 1819.

John W Russell

Thy fav of the 24 Inst enclosing Davenport & Allen's draft on W. & G Allen for their acceptance is received, the needful is done and we herewith enclose it to thee

Thy Friends

Signed Wm R Rotch & Co.

5 Mo 3d. 1819.

Benjamin Blossom

Above we hand thee Sales of thy Rye flour, proceeds Eight 87/100 dollars to thy Cr with our W R Rotch. which we hope will be satisfactory,

We remain thy friends,

Sigd W. R. Rotch & Co.

Fish & Grinnell 5 Mo. 3d 1819.

We would thank you to purchase and send us by the Arbit one thousand seasoned heading suitable for pipes. Your friends, Signed William R Rotch & Co

Valentine Hussey. 5 Mo 6th 1819.

Enclosed we send thee our check on the Bedford Com Bank for Eighty two dollars being the amount of thy bill freight of Six thousand Pipe Hhd Staves from Florida

We regret the staves falling short so much say about a hundred of each kind but we presume every attention was pd to them by thee

Please acknowledge the rect of this, the check will deposite at your bank,

We remain thy friends
Sigd Wm R Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co 5 Mo 22. 1819.

We enclose a sett of Exchange on London for £500, which please dispose of for our account

Respectfully Your Friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Ballard & Hall (Baltimore) 6 Mo 8th 1819

You will much oblige us by purchasing and shipping by the very first vessel bound here, One Hundred barrels of Flour Twenty of Superfine and Eighty barrels of the best pratched Superfine. We want this Flour for our Whale Vessels, and as these Voyages are long we wish you to be very particular in the selection of the Flour and see that it be good; From what we learn of the price, we are induced to believe it is lower with you than in Richmond or Alexandria, this we hope is the case. We wish to have it as soon as possible. Should Capt Perry of the Schooner Sophronia be with you and coming to this place he no doubt will be willing to take it at a reasonable Freight, For the payment of the Flour You may draw at five days Sight on our friends Fish & Grinnell of New York whom we shall instruct accordingly — this mode of payment will we presume be agreable to You, it being impossible to procure drafts on Baltimore, With esteem

Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co

Crocker Bush & Richmond 6 Month 8th 1819.

We would thank you to send us by the first opportunity half a ton of pipe hoops, and oblige your friends

Sig'd William R Rotch & Co

Wm C Williams 6 Month 10th 1819

The provision barrels we have received by Capt West, and we cannot conceive what should have induced an alteration in the price, as by the contract made with our Wm R Rotch in presence of John Coggeshall Jun' he was to pay for them Seventy five cents: they are not worth more to us than that price, and we forwarded by Capt West the Money agreeable to the annexed Statement. If we could have procured barrels at a much less price we should have held ourselves bound to have fulfilled our contract. five of the barrels are hardly worth repairing for which we have allowed fifty cents. - If we cannot have any more at Seventy five cents, we would not wish them sent, as we can get them plenty from Boston and at a less price

60 barrels	@ 75¢	$45
5 do	@ 50¢	2 50
Dollars		$47.50.

With respect We
Sig'd Friends Wm R Rotch & Co

Crocker Bush & Richmond 6 Mo 11th 1819

Respected Friends We will thank you to send us by the first opportunity

2 casks of 3d Cut Nails
2 do of 4d do
1 do of 2d do
1 do of 8d do
1 do of Sheathing Nails.

we wish you to be particular to ~~send~~ have the Sheathing Nails similar to those received from your Manufactory by Genl Soley.

We are with esteem
Your Assd Friends
Sig'd William R Rotch & Co

New Bedford 6 month 21. 1819

Josiah Bradlee Esq

Enclosed we send you a sett of Exchange on London for £1000 Ster. which please dispose of for our account

Having on hand about Fifteen hundred gallons Linsed oil rec'd from Bremen, and ten thousand pounds Whale bone which we should like to dispose of, we would thank you to mention in your next the price we might probably obtain for those articles also what might be obtained for a quantity of Whale oil, and oblige

Your friend Sig'd Wm P. Rotch & Sons

Fish & Grinnell N Bedford 6mo 25th 1819

Above we send you J Ricketson draft on you for Four Hundred dollars which please place to our Cr

We have authorised our friends Ballard & Hall. Baltimore to value on you for the purchase of 100 bbls flour for our a/c, we would thank you to Honor their draft

Please purchase and send us by the Boat Four barrels Prime Pork, In your next letter please mention the amo. transferred to our Cr by our Mr P. Rotch when at N York

Respect Your Friends
Sign'd William P. Rotch Jr

Ballard & Hall (Baltimore) 6 Mo 29. 1819

We annex duplicate of ours of the 8th Inst fearing the orginal has not come to hand. Not having rec'd an answer from you, We wish you to Ship the Flour by the first vessel for this place, as we shall soon be in want of it

With Esteem Your Friend
Sign'd Wm P. Rotch & Sons

New Bedford 7 Mo 1. 1819

Crocker Bush & Richmond

We will thank you to send us by the first opportunity

4 casks 6d cut Sheathing nails
1 " do — 5d — — do
1 " do — 8d — — do

of a similar quality to those rec'd of you a few days since please mark the casks H&A.—

We remain Your Friends
Sign'd Wm R Roteh & Co

Fish & Grinnell 7 Month 3. 1819.

Your of the 1st Inst is rec'd with bill of 4 bbls prime pork amount to your Cr $61 84/100

We observe by your letter J Ricketson draft 8 Mo 16 was plac'd to our Cr for $2100. which was intended to have gone to the Cr of our Sp R. R — The balance due you from him 6 mo 30 $2382 39 please transfer to our a/c and also place to our Cr the annex'd drafts on you viz

Warren Delano June 26 for $400
J Ricketson cash 7 Mo 3 for 400 Eight Hundred dollars

Respectfully Your Friends Sig'd Wm R Roteh & Co

Memorandum of Duck sent for to Amsterdam by Charles Coggeshall for the New Ship

300 Yds duck for Main topgallantsail, Sibb & Spanker if it is 30 In wide if narrower more
333 Yds do for Main topsail & foresail heaviest duck of 1st Quality if it is 30 In in width

7 Mo 9. 1819

New Bedford 7 Month 14. 18

Capt Abraham Ashley,

The command of the Brig Alliance having devolved upon thee, and She being compleate redy for Sea, thou will embrace the first opperturnity and proceed on a Whaleing Voyage to the Brazil Bank.

It is of essential importance in a Voyage of this kind depending altogether upon the active exertions of the Officers, their good conduct and good treatment of those under their care, that perfect Harmony should be maintained, and every possible endeavour used to avoid any unnecessary disputs governing as much as in our powers those passions which only serve to irritate, without procureing that esteem & respect which is desirable from those over whom we are placed. We will suggest to thee as the best information we could get from the Officers of the Marthes as also from Capt Burch the ground where they found Whales the most plenty, Capt Whitfield of the Martha Spent most of his time in about Latt 48 South where he got most of his Whales Capt Burch found Whales very plenty from Latt 35 to 45 S. Long 38 to 50 W. and so proceed further west as the season may be, the mentoon this to thee for thy directions, as We are of opinion that a great preference is to be given for Whales on the False Bank. Shouldst thou not be successfull so as to obtain say 1200 bbls by the time first of May, the time necessary for thee to leave for Home in order to fit the Brig for the next season, thou will go in to St Catharine recruit the Brig, and We think it would be most advisable to cruise from Latt 23 the Latt of Rio Janeiro to 32 S. after Sperm Whales, there are generally many to be found between these Lattitudes, until the season comes on again for the Bank.

We place entire confidence in thy Managing this Voyage with propriety, and hope you will all be inspired with ambition, which will no doubt enable you to finish it in a short time and with Satisfaction to yourselves.

Wishing Your Success & prosperity

New Bedford 7 Mo. 17. 1819

Thomas Dickason & Co

Your favour 20th May acknowledging the rect of £498.11.11. remittance from H. H. Meier & Co Bremen (who no doubt ere this has made you further remittances on our a/c) has been duly received.

We have this day drawn on you favour of William Rotch Jr. at ~~sight~~ thirty days for Four hundred & Eighty pounds

Please transfer the small balance due our W.R.R. to our company a/c.

We annex to this our respective signatures which please note.

And remain Your Friends

Signed William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 7 Mo 17. 1819

We enclose a sett of Exchange on Thomas Dickason & Co London for £480 which please dispose for our a/c. we also enclose a letter for London which forward. Our mutual friend Wm Rotch Jr requests us to inform you that he has received Twenty dollars your D. B. dividend of the Bedford Bank Stock, which debit his a/c.

Yours 24 June respecting the price of 20 or 50 tons Whale Oil would have been answered before had we have thought there was any probability of our agreeing in the price. At present we decline selling

We remain Your friends

Signed William R. Rotch & Co

Thomas Dickason & Co 7 Mo 17. 1819

We have loaded the Brig Elizabeth Capt George Almy with Whale oil for Hamburg, and it is our wish that Capt Almy should proceed to Gottenburg for a Cargo of Iron. we have therefore requested our friends in Hamburg. Johann Gerhard Graepel & Son. to make remittance to you sufficient to purchase the Brig's cargo. The Eliz.th is about 200 tons burthen, and we shall want that quantity of Iron. You will please to correspond with our above Men

tion'd friends, as also with Alex Barclay & Co of Gottenburg, who will load the Brig there

We are Your friends

Thomas Dickason & Co 7 Month 23. 1819

Above is duplicate of ours of the 17th Inst. we forward this by the Ship Ann Alexander Howland. who sails in a few days for Falmouth to market with a cargo of Whale oil. we have shipped by this vessell two hundred barrels. and shall order the proceed when sold to be remitted you for our a/c

Respectfully Your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 7 Mo 23. 1819

We enclose a bill of Exchange for £500 on Cropper Benson & Co Liverpool which please dispose of to the best advantage & place the proceeds to our Cr

We are &c
William R. Rotch & Co.

7 Month 23 1819

Annexed is Invoice of 57 Casks South Sea Whale oil, which we have shipped by the Ann Alexander Capt Howland, for Falmouth, and a Market in Europe.

Should the Ann Alexander proceed to your port, you will please dispose of it to the best advantage and remitt the proceed to our friends Thomas Dickason & Co London. As it is uncertain to what port the friends of the owner of the Ann Alexander may order the cargo the cargo we have directed this letter to our respective friends below. We should much prefer having the sales of this shipment closed at a moderate profit than to have the expence of storeing &c under[illegible] from the event of the Greenland Fishing there is a great prospect of its advancing considerably.

If the Ann Alexander be ordered to some other port than those mentioned, the consignees of the residue of the Cargo will please take charge of this shipment. and follow the above advice A bill of lading is also enclosed

We are respectfully Your friends
Signed William R Rotch Jr

To Daniel Commeline & Son Amsterdam
" Fredk & Everhard Delius Bremen
" Pietairn Brodies & Co — Hamburgh

Josiah Bradlee & Co New Bedford 7 month 27. 1819

We annex, and enclose Invoice and Bill lading of Eleven casks Sheathing Copper & the Ship Commerce, Peterson, which has arrived in Boston, you would much oblige us by paying the freight & other charges attending it. And ship it to us by the Pomona Capt Akin, should the Pomona have left, and it would be no inconvenience to the owners of the Ship to let it remain on board, until Akins return, we should prefer it, otherwise you will please ship it by the first opperturnity, or store it, we should prefer the former as it would probably save expense

With respect Your friends
Signed William R Rotch Jr

Capt Cornl Howland &c 7 Mo 27. 1819
of the Ship Ann Alexander

We herewith hand thee a letter directed to our friends either in Amsterdam Bremen, or Hamburgh, should'st thou proceed from Falmouth to either of those ports, please hand the letter to the house there Mentioned, but should'st thou proceed to a port other than those please deliver it to the house whom the Lawrences consigns the vessell to, or the one thee goes to with the Ship & the residue of the Cargo and oblige The enclosed letter for Thos Dickason & Co London, please forward them on thy arrival at Falmouth

Thy ass'd friends
Signed William R Rotch Jr

Ballard & Hall N Bedford 8 Mo 3, 1819

Respected Friends Your's of the 13th ult. by mail has been duly rec'd also of the same date & the Sch. Sally with bill lading an Invoice of 10 M Staves which arrived last evening. We have concluded to take the staves for our own acc. and have requested our Friends Fish & Grinnell New York to honour your draft for $377.75/100 Three hundred seventy seven 75/100 dollars for the Amount. This Manner of payment we presume will answer your purpose we cannot procure drafts on Baltimore —

We remain Your ass'd friends
Sig'd William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell. 8 Mo 4. 1819

We have this day given our friends Ballard & Hall Baltimore liberty to draw on you for our account $377.75/100 — Three hundred seventy seven 75/100 dollars, for which am, please honour their draft

We remain Your friends
Sig'd Wm R Rotch & Co

Capt Charles Smith.
of Ship Midas N. Bedford 8 Month 9th 1819

The ship Midas being ready for sea. thou with embrace the first wind to proceed on a Whaleing Voyage to the Brazil Bank. As we have been to a considerable additional expence in fitting this Ship with the expectation that the Voyage may be continued untill she is full or a Sufficient quantity of Oil procured to make it in addition to return the first season. thou will remain on the Bank, shouldst thou have say Eighteen hundred Barrels of Oil untill the first of June, as in general our Captains leave for Lisbon and the Oil is obtained by Vessels which remain over the Season Months after they have left. as the present season promises favourable for Whaleing, we are in hope thou will be able to return with the quantity of Oil above mentioned, shouldst thou find it impossible, we

advise by all Means thy going into St Catharines, recruiting the Ship, and cruising to the Northward after Sperm Whales till the Season should again answer on the Bank. and we also inform the Necessity of continuing to cruise on the False Bank in preference to the Bank, as Whales are found much more plenty, and our Vessels have succeeded much better than on the Bank. I will annex to this the Latt where the Capts of the Martha & Herald found there Whales. Mr Neal thy mate, having been in the former Ship can give thee perhaps more particular information

In conducting a Whale Voyage, where so Many Men are placed under the Command of a Master it is Necessary for the Safety of it, that perfect Harmony should prevail, and we should be extreamly cautious not to give use unnecessary severity, but remember that the best Means should be used to gain their esteem & confidence, inspiring them with a spirit of ambition & emulation, which will cause them to obey chearfully their Superiors and perform their own duty willingly - and we wish that all proper Means may be used to guard them against murmuring or complaining of the quantity of provisions, as we believe there is a Sufficiency for the contemplated Voyage

With these remarks, which we hope might not be Necessary, and wishing thee Health and Prosperity, we are thy assured Friends

Signd William R. Rotch Jr
John & Hazdon Coggeshall

Capt Mitchell of the Martha
found Six Whales in Latt 48 S
Capt Burch in Ship Herald
in Latt 35. to 45 S. & Long 38 to 50.
Shouldst thou ship any oil home, if by the way of Boston, consign it to our friends Josiah Bradlee
if to New York Fish & Brinnell

Although we have stated the quantity of oil at 1800 bbls as necessary for thee to have on board, previous to thy putting away from the Bank. Yet upon a second reflection we think that quantity would hardly warrant it, since she would be but three quarters full, and Oil would command a much higher price in the spring so that we should prefer thy going into St Catharine's unless thou hast two thous and barrels We are thy assured Friends. Sig'd W. R. Rotch & Co

John & Haydon Coggeshall

Capt Elisha Dunbar 8 Bus Month 19. 1819

With this we hand thee Invoice of 199 casks of Whale oil Ship'd on board the Benezett. This Invoice of Oil we consign to thee in the expectation that thou will be able to dispose of it to our advantage without incuring expense of Storage or any other charges attendant on a delay of Sale, indeed it is our wish that the Sales may be closed, should it nett us a moderate profit rather than have it remain on hand. Shouldst thou however be obliged to leave it in the hands of any Merchants, thou will request of them, when the Sales are effected, remit the proceeds to our friends Thomas Dickason & Co of London, requesting of them to inform us of its being done, as early as possible And shouldst thou close the Sales thyself, please make the remittance to those gentlemen

Wishing thee a pleasent passage.

We are thy assured friends

Sign'd W. R. Rotch & Co

H. H. Meier & Co 8 Month. 19. 1819

Your esteemed favs April 8 & 28. do of the 10 & 26th May have been recd and the contents duly noticed. We have Dr your a/c Rec 1110.14 one half the balance the Brig Elizabeth's freight, and Cr your a/c Rec 992.02 one half the amt your Invoice of Linseed

oil also Rec'd 2869.6 amount of your remittance to Thos Dickason & Co London in £498.11.11 and further Rec'd 65.23 one half amo of capt Almy's disbursments at the Heldr making in all to your Cr Rec'd 3946.31—

We hope ere long to receive sales of our oil p the Elizabeth, which we hope will nett us the first cost.

We remain respectfully Your Friends

Sign'd William A Rotch & Co

Capt Josh De Cost 8 Mo 20, 1819

With this we hand thee Invoice of Three Hundred barrels of Whale oil, and we would suggest to thee that if thou can sell this oil so as to nett us forty cents p Gallon in Lisbon clear of all charges, thou hadst best do it, unless after hearing from the Neighbouring ports thou shouldst find the price of oil so much higher as in thy opinion would warrant the additional expence, in case of thy discharging at the port of Lisbon thou will take on board as much Salt as in thy judgment is sufficient for the Safety of the Vessel & if thou shouldst be obliged to seek a Market for the oil in any port near the first port, we think it best to proceed immediately for St Ubes and there take Salt, as we have no doubt it will pay for the expence & trouble — On thy arrival in Lisbon we would recommend to thee the respectable House of Hutchinson & Monroe whom we are confident will render thee what assistance thou mayest want It will be an object for thee shouldst thou dispose of thy Cargo in Lisbon to ascertain, which thou readily canst from the above Mentioned Gentlemen the Course of Exchange and should it be favourable to make a remittance thou will please do it to our friends Thomas Dickason & Co of London, but shouldst thou find it more advantageous to take some specie thou art at liberty to do it. This voyage, after all we can say must depend upon thy judgment and we can assure thee, we have the most implicit confidence

in it Wishing thee a pleasent & prosperous
Voyage we are with esteem Thy Frien
Signed William R. Rotch & C

Fish & Grinnell 8 Mo 30. 1819

We have this day taken the liberty to draw on you at thirty days date in fav
J Ricketson. cash. for Eighteen hundred dollars. whic
please do us the favour to accept and we will place yo
in funds before it becomes due

We are Your Friends
Sig'd William R. Rotch & C

Crocker Bush & Richmond 8 Month 29. 1819

We wish you to send us by the
first vessell bound here

1 Cask 2 cut Nails
1 — do Cut spikes 10 to the C
1 — do — do — do 12 . do —

with a bill of the same. also a bill of the last parcels of
Nails received from you. and oblige

Your freinds
Sig'd William R Rotch & C

Fish & Grinnell 9 Mo 10. 1819

We wish you to purchase & send us
by the Boston 320 C coppering nails
370 C Sheathing . do —
of a similar kind you purchased for Geo Howland
we observe those were purchased on a C^t of 4 Mo
we should like to have that C^t on ours

We remain Your freinds
Signed William R Rotch & C

William Foulke & Co 9 Mo 18. 1819

We have a New Ship which we are fitting for the Fishery, and presuming we can get our flour upon as good terms in Your place as in the places to the southward, You will much oblige us by purchasing Seventy barrels of the very best of Superfine Flour and Shipping it to us by the first opperturnity; for the payment of which you will please draw upon our Friends Fish & Grinnell of New York at 60 days. as the Ship which this Flour is intended for will go a long voyage it is essential it should be good, and we will particularly ask your attention to see that it be good should you on receipt of this letter find no prospect of shipping it to us within a few days you will please give us Notice that we may have time to procure it from New York; we much prefer your Flour, and hope you will find some Vessel coming directly here,

We hope ere this you have clos'd the sale of our N R Bbls oil

9 Mo 21. 1819 We are with Esteem N R Rotch & Co

Above we hand you duplicate of ours of the 18th which we hope will be rec'd by you in due course, but for fear of its miscarrying we send you this copy

Sign'd N R Rotch & Co

9 Mo 21. 1819

Fish & Grinnell Above we send you J Ricketson Cash'r draft on you for Eighteen hundred dollars, at five days sight which at Maturity please place to our a/c We have instructed our friends William Foulke & Co of Alex'd to value on you at 60 days for the payment of 70 bbls of flour their drafts for which please do us the favour to honour

Respectfully Your Friends

Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & C^{o} 9 Mo 24. 1819.

We enclose a sett of Exchange at 30 days, on Thos Dickason & C^{o} London for William Roteh Jr for £150 stg which please dispose of to the best advantage, and place the proceeds to our C^{r}

Respectfully Your friends
Sig^{d} William R Roteh & C^{o}

E. & A Winchester 9 Mo 24. 1819

Your favour 20 Inst to our W R Roteh was duly rec^{d} in the hurry of business he neglected to enter the amo of your a/c is the reason of it not having been paid before

We now enclose Sam^{l} Rodmans check for Four hundred & fifty four $^{10}/_{100}$ dollars the amount

We would thank you to inform us at what price you could furnish us with fifty bbls hot beef suitable for a voyage to the Pacific Ocean; and if any of it could be of mess beef we should want it in about three weeks

Respect^{y} Your friends
Wm R Roteh & C^{o}

Isaac R Gifford 11 Mo 9. 1819

Above we hand thee Invoice & bills ship Bread which we wish thee to dispose of to the best advantage and remit the proceeds to our Friends Fish & Grinnell New York, advising us when done & forward us the a/c sales.

A bill lading is also enclosed

We are respectfully thy friends
Sig^{d} Wm R Roteh & C^{o}

C & A Winchester 10 Mo 17. 1819

Your favr 29th ult came duly to hand we now conclude to take the Forty barrels No 1 beef in the hands of Chs Grinnell at the price you mention'd say $13 5/pb 4 Months &c. we wish you ~~Mention'd~~ to send us by Capt Akin seven barrels new No 1. beef to Make up the quantity wanted

We had hoped by taking this quantity that it could have been affor'd at $13

Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

C & A Winchesters 10 Mo 25. 1819

On examining your beef with C Grinnell, we could not find but twenty five barrels that would answer for our ship, which we have taken, and now wish you to send us fifteen barrels More of new No 1. beef making in all forty seven barrels we hope you will be particular in Saving the Beef in good order as the voyage will be long. We Hope the Pomona will be in Boston on the rect of this - we wish it come by her - if she has left send it by the first regular packet

On rect of this please see Capt Akin & inform him. should he be there

Respectfully Your Friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

25 bbls rec'd of C Grinnell
7 - do - ord'd p letter of 17th
15 - do - More ord'd
47 barrels

Larell Perkins & Co 10 Mo 25. 1819

We wish you to send us two boat anchors. from 45 ℔ to 50 ℔ each not of less wt than the first or heaver than the last, for our New ship please send by the first opportunity

We remain Your friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell N Bedford 11 Mo 1. 1819

Enclosed we send you Sam'l Borden draft on Thomas Hazard Jr for one thousand dollars. which please collect and place to our credit. Should T. Hazard Jr be not with you please hold it until he arrives and inform us the length of the delay

The Brig Alliance ape due 5 Mo 12 with Int to the 12th Inst please place to our Dr.

Respectfully Your friends
Sig'd William R. Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 11 Mo 2d. 1819

We wish for our New ship two casks Green pease which please be so good as to purchase & send us by the Boston or the first packet.

We wrote you yesterday enclosing Sam'l Bordens draft on Thos Hazard for one thous'd dollars

Respectfully Your friends
William R. Rotch & Co

Richard West 11 Mo 6. 1819

Annexed we hand Thee Invoice of 4 barrels Whale oil which please dispose off for cash at the best price thou canst & ape to us for the proceeds on thy return

Thy friends
Sig'd William R. Rotch & Co

Capt John A Pease New Bedford 11 Mo 17. 18

The Ship W. Rotch being ready for sea commanded by Capt Lewis Soby we embrace the opportunity as we have done by others of our Ships to the Pacific Ocean to address thee. We have put on board this ship Five bbls of Flour 2 of Beef 2 of Pork & have given Capt Soby a duplicate & triplicate of

this letter that he may distribute them on his arrival in the Pacific Ocean to other Vessels that they may best be more certain of getting one of them. The Ship Mr Rotch is Well is one of the finest Ships out of our port and wears the Hammer Flag and Capt Tobey is instructed in case he should fall in with a Vessel resembling the description we have given him of the Minerva, to immediately hoist his Signal and they will on discovering it hoist theirs you will therefore readily know each other. We have heard of the Ground the Cape with One hundred barrels, this we think is doing well, and would encourage all of you, to keep up good Spirits, and persevere through every difficulty that you may meet with, and return with a full Ship. The accounts we have heard from the Whaleman by the Independance and Brothers (which Ships arrived a few days since) are rather discouraging. Many of them being obliged to go into the Bays to fill up with Whale Oil. Yet when you reflect upon the high price of Sperm Oil, selling now at One dollar the Gallon by the Cargo. it ought to be an additional Stimulous to let no opportunity pass in being Vigilant and encouraging the crew to use their best endeavours to obtain a Cargo indeed we have every confidence in the Minerva's Making a quick and prosperous Voyage—

We have observed that most of the Whaleman have crused too far in Shore we believe that Whales would be found more plenty farther off of this however Your observations Must enable you to judge — Tell Mr Dean I saw his wife here a few days since, she was well and did not say but that all thy relatives were also

The Friends of the crew are all well so far as we have heard. The Coopers Father was here a few days since and his children were well.

Expecting to see you return Making a short Voyage & full of Sperm Oil

We are with esteem

Sign'd William R Roteh & Co

James Hall Esqr 11 Mont. 18. 1819

The Ship William Roteh Lewis Sobey Master being ready to sail for the Pacific Ocean on a Whaling voyage, we wish to have some Insurance effected on her say $16000 on the Ships outfits one half on each

Said Ship is 290 tons burthen burtt expressly for the fishery, and is a first rate vessel, and commanded by an experience Man.

Our friend Coggeshall Jr has had some Insurance effected on the same Ship at the Fire & Marine Ins Office at 8 p cent prem. with the following liberties "at & from New Bedford on a Whaling voyage either by the way of Cape Horn, or the Cape of Good Hope & Timor to the Pacific Ocean & elsewhere and during the continuance there & from thence to New Bedford with liberty to touch at the usual places for refreshments. Should your office be willing to send us a policy embracing the above, and at the same rate of premium ~~the above, and at the~~ please do it, otherwise we should decline having it done. The premium Note shall be signed & immediately returned you

The Ship & outfits valued at Thirty Thousand Dollars

Respectfully Your friends

Signed William R Roteh & Co

Crocker Bush & Richmond 11 Mo 23. 1819

The Brig Elizabeth arrived this afternoon with about 200 tons iron - say 160 tons intended for you the remainder being Rods. Square & some flat which we wished to reserve - one half on ace of [redacted] our friends Leth Russell & Sons & one half on our ace — We shall be ready to deliver the iron tomorrow - Annexed we hand you a sketch of the sizes. Capt Leth Bresbury will taking in tomorrow

Respectfully Your friends

Signed William R Rotch & Co

John Waters 12 Mo 7. 1819

Sec'y N. E. M. In Co

Thy favor 3d Inst was duly rec'd and we have requested our friends I. Bradeeny to call and take up our M R R Note also ours for prem on the Brig Eliz'th & Cargo which is als due —

Our neighbour Wm J Russell owning in the Brig Alliance Capt Abm Ashley with ourselves bound to the Brazil banks on a Whaling voyage, wishes to have $1200 dollars Insured on the Brig & outfits. from the time we last heard from her say Sept 29. in Lat 28° 45' Long 28° W. Sd Brig is 285 tons burthen underwent a thorough repair last spring, and Mans three boats. was fitted in the best possible manner, and we have no doubt will make a short voyage - Should your office be inclined to take the above amount at 3 pct please send him a policy, Vessel valued at $6000 & outfits at $3000 - Should you however decline taking the risk at that prem. please inform him or us at what rate you should be willing to take it

In haste

Your friends

Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 12 Mo 7. 1819

Enclosed we send you Saml Rodmans bill on Thos Dickason & Co London for £ 170 Stg which please sell and place the proceeds to our C

We have to request the favour of you to call at the N. E. Marine Ins Office and take up our N R Roteh's Note for premr on the Brig Union of $141. and the Int. that may be due - and our Note for $123.$^{52}/_{100}$ to the same Office for prem on the Brig Elizabeth & Cargo - We have Drawn on you at 6 for proceeds Capt Lewis Tobey's bill - $481.57

Less discount for cash 7.57

$474 60

and have drawn on you favr L Pickslon for that amount

We are Your friend

Sign'd William R Roteh & Co

Thos. Dickason & Co 12 Month 18. 1819

The object of this is to request you will honour the drafts of W. & E. Lawrence & Co of Liverpool for an amount not exceeding £100 Stg and place the same to our Cr -

Your friends

Wm R Roteh & Co

W & E Lawrence & Co 12 Month 18. 1819

Your favour 19 Oct duly reached me and I notice the small balance due me, which please place to the Cr of N J Russell

Respected Friend

Thomas Jr & Co Biddle 12 Mo 18. 1819

Enclosed we send you our N R R's Sett of Exchange for £ 500 in favour of William Roteh R. on W. & E. B Lawrence London which please sell to the best advantage for cash and place the proceeds to our Cr and inform us when done

Sign'd William R Roteh & Co

Thos & J G Beddell 12 Mo 20, 1819

Since writing the above we find we shall be in want of the amount of the bill, and shall value on you at five days sight in favr J A Cash for $220 which please do us the favour to honour

Sign'd W R Rotch & Co

W. G & C B Lawrence New Bedford 12 Mo 18, 1819

My friends Seth Russell & sons inform me that there will be a balance to be placed to my account with you of upwards of £500 from the balance due us from J P Longchamp of Bordeaux, and that the remittance is probably Made by this time, and that adventure closed, I have therefore taken the liberty of drawing upon You in favr of My father Wm Rotch Junr for that amount at thirty days.

I should not of drawn without hearing from You, but for My being anxious to close My private business as in future it will be conducted under the Firm of W & R Rotch & Co, I have also Made provisions with our friends Thos Dickason & Co of Your City in the event of our above Named friends having been Mistaken in the amount I have drawn for, to take up the Bill & pay the balance after deducting what may be in Your hands, You will therefore please give this Bill due honour

With Much respect & esteem
Your friend
Sig'd William R Rotch

Thos Dickason & Co New Bedford 12 mo 22. 1819

Your esteemed favors of the 12 Aug & 30 Sept & the 13 Oct have been duly rec'd the latter advis of bills ~~having~~ to the amo of £1475.19.2 hap been drawn on you by Isley Barclay & Co. in part paym't of the Eli's Cargo of Iron at Gothenburg

We have now to inform you that we have ordered our friends F & E Delius Bremen to remit you the proceeds of a shipment of 500 bbls Whale oil & B. Bennet which they inform us under date of the 13 Oct shall be done when the sales are effected

Our WRR requests us to say that the bal of this a/c he wishes transferred to ours even though the bill for £500 have not made its appearance and when it does charge it to our a/c — He also wishes us to add that he was interested in a shipment of Whale oil made by our neighbours L. Russell & Sons in the B. Eli in the Summer of 1818, which was by them sent to W E & E B. Lawrence of your city for orders for a market, and by them ordered to Bordeaux — they have not as yet been able to receive Sales of Oil, which is very surprising as our friend S. Arnold had a shipment by the same vessel & he informs them he has rec'd sales & the the proceeds remitted to your house — L R & S also inform our WRR that after paying for the return Cargo of Iron for the Eli there will be a balance due him of rising £500 : but as they are unable to get any a/c from W E & E B L to ascertain the exact amo. — Therefore he has on the 18 Inst drawn on them for £500 in favor of his father WRJ. & informed them of his so doing. Requests them to accept the bills, & should the bal in their hands not amo to this, that you would pay the deficy & also should they refuse to accept the bills to hand it over to you & you will honour it — which please do him the favor to do & charge our a/c with the same —

We hope ere long to be advised of further remittances having been made from our friends

in Hamburg & also from Bremen — The Brig
Wm Thacher capt De Coast left here on the 18th Inst
for Lisbon with a Cargo of Whale oil in which
we were interested One fourth say 260 bbls, the
proceeds of which should it be more favourable
to remit than to bring home the specie we
have directed him to remit to your house for our a/c

We drew on you 9 Mo 24. at 30 as st in fav of
W R J & bill for £150 which please give due
honour

We are &c
Signed Wm R Roteh & Co.

Thos Dickason & Co. 12 Mo 27. 1819

The above copy of our last we
confirm & have to add that our friends S R & S have this
day rec'd from W. E & B. L. the a/c of the Eliz[a] & that
the bal due our W R R has been placed to his
Cr with you — You will therefore honor his bill
for £800 (mentioned in our last) on that house & charge
to our a/c — In future it is our desire to have but
one a/c with you, we therefore desire the £5
p[d] you by W E & B L be placed to our a/c

We are &c
Signed W R Roteh & Co

1st Mo 30. 1820.

Crocker. Busk & Richmond.

Annexed we send you statement
of the Bon sent you of the Brig Elizabeth's Cargo, which
please to run a/c as there stated, all which we presume you
will find correct.

We are your friends
Sig'd William R Roteh & Co
per Moses H Brownell

1 Mo 26. 1820

Fish & Grinnell

Your favours 21. 22d Inst have been duly rec'd & owing to the absence of the writer they have not been before answered.

The owners of the Alliance are willing we should give up the Policy of assurance on her - making the best terms with the office you can & should you have any doubt of the solvency of the office you may cancel the policy, without receiving any thing - we hope you will be able to get three p Ct & your commission for effecting the Insurance - We shall prefer having her reinsured in Boston & therefore we wish you to inform us soon as you have settled with the office -

We are Your Friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 2 Mo 6th 1820

Above you have duplicate of ours of the 26th Inst which we are indeed to send, fearing the original did not come to hand, as we have rec'd no answer thereto, as soon as you have settled with the Office, we desire you will inform us the result -

Yours &c
Signed William R Rotch & Co

E & A Winchester. 2 Mo 9. 1820

Above we send you Wm Rotch & Co's draft on J Bradlee Esq for six hundred sixteen 57/100 dollars due the 25 Inst for amt of Beef purchased of you last 10 Mo - say you bill 22 bbls Beef 10 Mo 29 & charges - $279. 07

" 25 bbls Mess Beef 1 Mo 29 & 1 Mo 6 Grinnell
10 Mo 25th on 4 Mo 6 @ $13½ 337. 50

$616 57

all which we hope will be found correct, please advise the receipt of the above - We are Your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee &Cy New Bedford 2 Mo 20th 1824

Will you do us the favour to have Ten Thousand dollars Insured on the Brig Alliance and outfits from New Bedford to the Brazil Bank & elsewher, not beyond the Cape of Good hope & Cape Horn, on a Whaling Voyage & during her stay & fishing & until her return to New Bedford with liberty to touch for refreshments at the usual places - commencing the risk Sept 29. last. when she was heard from in Lat 20.45 S. Long 28.1. West. Abraham Ashley Master. Say $5000 dollars for ourselves. $3750 for Wm J Russell and $1250 for Joseph Rotch. Sd Vessel valued at $6000. & outfits $8000. The N. England Ins Co insured $1200 on Sd Brig for Wm J Russell on the 8th Dec last for 3 p.ct (Policy No 6458) of which the above is a copy. and we presume that it can be effected now for that or less - We have had no positive information of the Alliance since that time but Capt Bunker of the Victory (just arrived) informs us he saw a Brig on the Banks, answering her description which we take to be her - If the N. England Office should be unwilling to take it (as they are already on her) please have it done at one of the other Offices - and the Policy forwarded us and we will send them our note for the Prem - The Brig was insured in New York for the above Amount, and owing to the Office at which she was Insured having met with heavy losses by fire they have concluded to dissolve, and wished us to cancel the Policy, which we have done, and now wish to have the amount reinsured - thus you can mention to the office should any enquiries be made why we have delayed so long in having the Insurance effected -

Please inform us what prem you can obtain for a bill at 30 ds on London for £500 -

We are Yr Friends

Sig'ee William R Rotch &Cy

Josiah Bradlee &c. New Bedford 2 Mo 23rd 1820.

Your favour 22d Inst is rec'd with a policy on the Alliance & enclosed we send you our note for the prem; also a sett of Exchange for $500 of this date fav Wm Rotch Jr on J Dickason & Co. London which please sell & place the proceds to our Cr

We are Your ass'd friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 2 Mo 24. 1820.

Your favour 26 ult with a/c Current was duly rec'd which we find correct and have conformed our books their $ balance due you $858.49/100 12 Mo 31. 1819 - Yours also 28th ult has been rec'd advising you had D'own a/c with our Wm Rs Note for $750 due 2 Mo 11. 1819 - which we now give your a/c Cr

It is now with pleasure we acknowledge yours of the 14th Inst advising that you had cancelled the Policies on the Alliance, and had Cr our a/c with $652.57/100 - Amt of prem Note due 5 Mo 17. and one hundred dollars rec'd from the office which is very satisfactory - and since that rec'd there we have had her reinsured in Boston for three pct - making a difference of $40 to us -

We shall in a few days make up the deficiency in our a/c

We remain Your friends
Sig'd William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 2 Mo 25th 1820

Above we send you J Pickerson Cashr draft on you for One thousand dollars, which please place to our Cr Your assured friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

brocker Bush & Richmond. New Bedford 3 Mo 3d 1820

We should like to have two tons large size 3d hoops as soon as you can forward them we should like them to be of the size of those you last sent for Annedee

We are Your friends
Sig'd William R Rotch Jr

Laban Swain 3 Mo 7. 1820

Annexed we send thee a statement of thy Note balance due $123.59/100 which we would thank thee to send us by return packet, as we are very much in want of the Money — We are thy friends
Sign'd William R Rotch Jr

Note dated 12 Mo 15. 1818 on demand ——— $690.24
7 Mo 16 ds Int on $690.24 to 7 Mo 31. 1819 — 25.99
$716.23
Recd 7 Mo 31. 1819 Three Hundred dollars — 300.
2 Months Int on $416.23 to 9 Mo 30. 1819 — $416.23
4.16
$420.39
Recd 9 Mo 30-1819 Three Hundred dollars — 300.
$120.39
5 Mo 10 ds Int on $120.39 to 3 Mo 10. 1820 ——— 3.20
$123.59

Peter & Isaac Myrick 3 Mo 7. 1820

Annexed we send you a statement of your Note balance due $102 45/100 which we would thank you to forward us by return packet as we are very much in want of the Money
Sign'd William R Rotch Jr

Note dated 12 Mo 20-1818 on demand for $1100.
3 Mo 10 ds Int on $1100 to 3 Mo 30. 1819 ——— 18.33
$1118.33
3 Mo 30. 1819 Recd Four hundred dollars 400.
$718.33
3 Mo 6 ds Int on $718.33 to 7 Mo 6. 1819 — 11.49
$729.82
7 Mo 6. 1819 Recd Five hundred dollars — 500.
$229.82
2 Mo 12 ds Int on $229.82 to 9 Mo 18. 1818 — 2.76
$232.58

Brot up $232.58

9 Nov 18. 1819 Recd One hundred & thirty three dollars 133.—

99.58

3 Mo 22 ds Int on $99.58 to 3 Mo 10. 1820 2.87

$102.45

Recd & Cordiand Delois 3 Month 16th 1820

We have now the pleasure by Capt Dunbar, bound direct for Bremen to acknowledge rect of your esteemed favours 18th Oct last, advising rect of 57 casks South Sea Oil p/ S. Ann Alexander; also 13th same Month informing Capt Dunbar of the Bonetta had put into your hands 199 casks S. Sea Oil we shipped by him likwise yours of the 18th Oct, 26 do & 3d Nov advising the state of your Markets, the 27 Nov with Sales of 57 casks p/ the Ann Alexander, and that you had remitted the proceeds to Thos Dickason Esq in the sum of £334. 15. 5 all which we found correct likewise informing us you had stowed the parcel by the Bonetta which we hope you will have been able ere rect of this to have run it off, at a more favourable price than your last fav 8 Dec quoted it at —

Our J R Anthony will this day request you to place to our Cr by the proceeds of his sugar, which we have to request you will remit with the sales of the Oil to Thos Dickason Esq London — Should the proceeds of the oil have been remitted ere rect of this please remit his amt to our Cr as before directed —

We notice Exchange on London still continues unfavourable for remittances but hope it will get better when the proceeds of our last Shipment are remitted — Capt Clark will sail in the course of ten days for the North of Europe with a cargo of Whale Oil and Cotton, but as there will be so much going from this quarter of the former article, we decline sending him to your port — he will probably return with a cargo of Iron, and be in time to take out a cargo of Oil for your fall Markets —

We

We expect to have from the fishery about two thousand barrels Whale oil this season and hope the state of your market will be such as to induced us to send the greater part of it to you

With esteem We remain Your friends

Signed William R Rotch & Co

ditto — 3 Mo 10. 1820

Your favour 12 July was duly rec'd advising you had to me with Rd 447.50 due 9th Oct last being proceeds sale 35 bags Manilla sugar p the Ladoga which is correct and I have now to request you will place the same to our Cr of our house — With much respect I remain

Your assured friend

Signed Joseph R Anthony

Isaac R Gifford 3 Mo 8. 1820

We have not heard from thee since thy arrival at Savannah, but hope thou hast sold our 87 barrels of bread ere this if so we would thank thee to forward us the sales thereof and remit the proceeds to our friends Fish & Grinnell New York. should it however be difficult to obtain good drafts on New York, and should be some vessell bound here thee may lay out the proceeds in Georgia upland Cotton of a good quality and ship it to us which can be done at a low freight and advise us by Mail —

We remain thy friends

Signed William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 3 Mo 13. 1820

We would thank you to purchase and send us by the return of the Ann Two thousand W. O. hhds heading —

We are your friends

Signed William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & New Bedford 3 Mo 13. 1820

Enclosed you have the current ~~account~~ reversed, it would have been forwarded before but no private conveyance offered ~~before~~ and ~~lately~~ it was neglected.

We remain Your friends
William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 3 Mo 16. 1820

Above we send you James Arnolds draft on you for five Hundred dollars which please place to our Cr

Your friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & 3 Mo 23. 1820

Enclosed we send you a sett of Exchange on Thos Dickason & Co London at 3 days for £ 500 Stg which please dispose of at the current rate of Exchange and place the proceeds to our Cr — We remain Your friends
sent the letter for T.D. & Co to be forwarded at same time
William R Rotch & Co

Thomas Dickason & Co 3 Mo 23, 1820

Since our last of 12 Mo 27. 1819 we have received your favours 11 Feb informing that J & E Delius of Bremen had remitted you on our a/c £ 534.15.5 balance of the 1st Jany with a/c current to the close of the last year balance in our favour £ 7.0.11 which we find correct, and have conformed our books thereto. We have also to acknowledge yours of the 26 Nov and 1 Jany to our W R Rotch the former advising that W. & E. B Lawrence had ord'd you by order of Geth Russell & Sons £ 523.1.10 the latter with his a/c current ~~current~~ to the close of the year balance in his favour £ 293.17.5 — We ~~is~~ bill on Lawrences for £ 500 we presume you have duly honoured, and we have now to inform

you that ~~he does~~ when he wrote you in Philadelphia advising that he had drawn on you in favour of J. & T. Ritch for £ 300. he also mentioned having drawn on you for the like sum in favour of his father Mr Ritch Jr which was the £ 200 p'd by you 3 May and £ 300 p'd 25 May last p your Ac. as he now finds by his books. and that his bill for £ 300 had ever been drawn - owing to our W R R's absence his books were not properly attended to which caused the Mistake.—

We now advise that on the 23d last Month we drew on you in favour Mr Ritch Jr £ 500 and we have also this day drawn a bill in his favour for the like sum - which please duly honour our W. R. R's account we presume is ere this is carried to our Company Acc—

Your Letter to us and our friends J Russell & Sons informing that J. G. Graefe & Son had remitted you £ 4260. 12. 3 all and March has been rec'd which after paying for the Elizabeth's homeward cargo of Iron and your charges. we wish as before requested One half placed to the Cr of J Russell & Sons. and the other half to ours

We are your friends
Sign'd William R Ritch & Co

Jahaziel Jenney

Newport 27. 1820

Above we hand three Invoices 40 Bars Swedes Iron weighing about 15 Cwt. which we wish thee to dispose of to the best advantage up the North river. and invest the proceeds in two casks white beans. two barrels split pease and the balance in prime pork of a good quality—

Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Ritch & Co

Sch.r Guinea

New Bedford 4 mo 11. 1820

We enclose J. Ricketsons draft on you for five hundred dollars which please to ans.r in a/c

Yours Wm R Rotch & Co.

Alexander Barclay & Co.r New Bedford 5 mo 15.th 1820

Respected Friends

Capt Almy in the Brig Otter sails to morrow for Bremen with a cargo of oil Consigned to our Friends J & S Meier & Co and from thence he will proceed immediately to Gott.g for a return Cargo of Iron, unless the Price should be so much lower at Stockholm as to make an object for him to go there. — Our above named Friends at Bremen will open a Cr. with you for the purchase of the Cargo. we annex a Memorandum of the sizes wanted, being for the New York market.

We hope ere this Capt. Clark in the Brig Elizabeth has arrived with you. With Esteem we remain

Your ass.d Friends

Signed: William R Rotch & Co.
Seth.l Rotch & Son

20 tons 1½ by ⅜
80 — 1¾ — ½
30 — 2 — ½
50 — 2¼ — "
30 — 2¾ — "
20 — 3 — "
230 tons

New Bedford 5 Mo 16. 1820,

Thomas Dickason & Co

Being in want of sheathing copper for a ship, you will oblige us by purchasing and shipping us by the first vessel for Boston 820 sheets of the best kind of descriptions below, and we have to request your particular attention as to the quality of the copper, as it sometimes comes out very inferior.

One third of the amo. place to our debit, one third to Wm Rotch Jr. and one third to James Arnold as they will herein direct — Should their be no good vessel bound immediately to Boston please ship it to New York —

Respectfully Yours Friends
Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

520 Sheets 28 oz
150 . . do. 24
150 . . do. 30
820

Please place the amount of the copper as above stated equally to our several accounts

Signed James Arnold
" Wm R Rotch & Co
" Wm Rotch Jr

Thomas Dickason & Co 5 Mo 20. 1820

Yours of the 5 April is before us advising of having recd from W. E. & C. B. Laurence £21.4.9 also having paid the order of W. E. Laurence & Co £ Sterl £35.8.8 all which is correct — Our friends J. J. Gracepel & Co Hamburg advise under date of Dec 20. 1819 of having remitted you the balance of Sales of the Elizabeths cargo of oil, whole amount £4260.12.3 all due 1st March — and after paying the bills of A Barclay & Co for the Elizabeths returned cargo of Iron & your charges, to place one half to the Cr of S & H Russell & Sons, and the half to our Cr all which we presume this has been done, and we would thank you on recd of this (if not before already done) to forward us the a/c of the transaction

Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

P. S. If the copper is shipped to Boston direct it to the care of our friends Josiah Bradlee & Sons if to New York to Fish & Grinnell

Josiah Bradlee & Co. New Bedford 5 Mo 29. 1820

Enclosed we send you a sett of Exchange at 30 days on London for £500 Sty which please sell for cash & place the proceeds to our Cr — and we have to request you will honor our draft favr J Richetson for £100 in case thereof

With esteem we remain
Your friends Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

E & A Winchester 6 mo 28. 1820

Please send us by the return of the Pomona 16 bbls Mess beef and 16 do No 1 beef of the best quality on the usual Cr.

We are &c
William R. Rotch & Co.

Fish & Grinnell 6 mo 28. 1820

Please purchase and send us by the Ann 20 bbls Prime pork which we hope you can do on a Cr of 4 Mo & inform us in your next what you could obtain for whale bone

We are &c
Wm R. Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co. 6 mo 28. 1820

Annexed you have Invoice 50 casks Whale oil which please dispose of to the best advantage we are in immediate want of 15 pieces heavy duck first quality & three bundles twine which please purchase & ship by capt Hussey if he has not left, otherwise by the first vessel we should like to have the duck on a Cr.

We are
Wm R Rotch & Co.

General

New Bedford 6 Mo 28. 1820

By an intimation from my Nephew Wm R Rotch I am induced to request the favour of you to let me know at what rate an Insurance can be effected at your Office on the vessel as stated below in an excellent vessel two years old well found in every respect as you may suppose when I mention it is my intention to go in her myself and although no Navigator, to keep the command until it suits me either to return in her or to take passage in some other from sea This vessel is a Schooner about 100 tons & will have a chosen crew of 14 Men besides my self —

The object is to put in practice a new Theory of my imagination in Whalefishery, with a view also to combining Whale and Codfishery on our coasts by the-
-shorter the opportunity a Your speedy answer will oblige

Your obed.t

$2200 valued, on the Outfit of the Chartered Schooner Elizabeth of Rochester, in Whaling Materials. provisions, new invention &c belonging to Francis Rotch at present commander at & from the Port of New Bedford during the term of six Months from the 1st July 1820 to return a proportionate part of the premium should the said Rotch put an end to the term of this Insurance before that time —

Josiah Bradlee & Co 7 Mo 1. 1820

We enclose a Sett of Exchange on Thos Dickason & Co London at 60 ds for £1000 which please dispose of for cash

We wish you to honour our draft favr J Richetson Cash for $2000 in a/c of the bill

Can you sell any Whale bone for us & at what price please inform us

We are &c

Wm R Rotch & Co

C. Bush & Richmond

Newport 7 Mo 17. 1820

We wish you to send us by the first vessel five tons 4 and five tons 3 hoops, we are very much in want of the 3 and should be glad to have them immediately also the remainder of the nails wrote for by Hussey & Allen on our a/c with a bill of the same

Wm R Rotch & Co.

Capt George Hussey

7 Mo 22. 1820

Enclosed we hand thee Invoice and bill lading of 382 casks South sea whale oil which thou will please dispose of at Amsterdam to the best advantage, preferring however an immediate sale on thy arrival at a moderate profit, to having it stored to await the chance of doing better—

Could Linseed Oil be purchased so as to cost here all charges and duties paid but about 95 cents ₱ gallon thou may get purchase for our account two hundred casks and with the remainder of the proceeds of our oil thou will either bring home with thee the specie or remit to London to our friends Thomas Dickason & Co as will be most favourable to our interest

Wishing thee a favourable passage we remain

Should thou bring specie on arrival at Boston sell the same and place the same to our Cr as the New England bank or to the New York to our Cr with Fish & Grinnell

Thy ass.d friend

Sig.d William R Rotch & Co.

Jared Perkins & Co

7 Mo 24. 1820

As we are in want of 2 Tons 3d hoops we would thank you to send them by the very first opportunity — We remain Your friend

Sig.d Wm R Rotch & Co

Jerish Ishman. New Bedford 7 Mo 28. 1820

Thine of the 25th inst together with one from Capt Churchell were rec'd last evening our W R R has been absent for some time past — As Capt Goodriches order was at sight and presented at so late a date, it was the opinion of W.R.R that Interest could not be claimed, and as Capt Churchell observe he feels no disposition to demand damages we presume then as he his agent will take up with the proceeds and thou mayest draw on us for the amount say Forty "/o dollars and thy draft shall be duly honord — or shouldst thou prefer it we can forward thee a draft on New York, please acknowledge the rec't of this and shouldst thou draw on us please forward the Note

Respectfully Yours
Sig'd William R Ketch & Co

William Baker 8 Mo 7. 1820

Thy Note for seven hundred twenty One 28/100 dollars became due on the 12th ults with one year's interest, being very much in want of Money we have the request to thee will forward us the amount, or if thou could not make out the whole, please send us five hundred dollars —

Respectfully thy friend
Sig'd William R Ketch & Co.

Fish & Grinnell 8 Mo 7. 1820

Please purchase and send us by the ann One & a half tons Best St Petersburg Clean hemp suitable for towline & oblig'd

Yours Friends
Sig'd William R Ketch & Co.

New Bedford 8 Mo 11. 1820

Fred & Evert'z Delius

We avail ourselves of the opportunity & the Benevt to acknowledge rect of your esteemed lettr 25th May with Sales of 199 Casks Whale Oil proceeds R 7608.32 also yours 14th June enclosing a/c current and informing the balance R 4844.7 had been remitted to London to our Br in the sum of £ 781.6.2 which balance included proceeds sales of Pors - & R Anthony's sugar all which we have found correct and conformable our books thereto. — Respectfully Yours

Ligh'n William & Robt. Rotch

Fish & Grinnell. 8 Mo 14. 1820

The Elizabeth Capt Black arrived quite unexpected by us with us yesterday - Capt Black was unable to get a cargo if sizes suited to your ~~Market~~ without going to 2 & Ship More than for other sizes. Consequently he took in a cargo best suited to this Market. —

He has about 20 tons 1¼ by ⅜ Flat

~~20~~ — 1⅛ — ½

30 — 2 — ½

35 — 2¼ — ½

35 — 2½ — ½

the remainder 2¾ by ½ — 3 by ½ & ¾ — 3½ ¾ & 4 by ½

in all 210 tons Please inform us at what price you could dispose of a part of the cargo

Respectfully Yours

Ligh'n William & R Rotch & Co

6 / B. & R. & L. & Co. New Bedford 8 Mo 13. 1820

The Elizabeth Capt Black arrived this Morning from Gothenburg with a cargo of Iron consisting of 210 Tons of sizes herein annexed which we wish to dispose of our friend S. Russell & sons interested / Should you be disposed to purchase please forward an answer with yours by return Mail we have written our friend N. R. & Co as above presuming you will like to divide the cargo between you

We are Yours

Signed William R Rotch & Co:

Nathaniel Russell & Co 8 Mo 11. 1820

The Brig Elizabeth with a cargo of Iron 210 tons Swedes Iron arrived yesterday owned by our friend Seth Russell & sons and ourselves, which cargo we should like to sell, presuming you might be disposed to purchase we have taken the liberty to address you - Should you be disposed to take the whole or part to please inform us by return of Mail. Say what with your terms. A discription the sizes we annex. —

We are Yours

Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Isham 8 Mo 14. 1820

Thy favour of the 8th Inst has been duly rec'd, although we do not think Capt B has any right to demand Interest before the Bill was presented, still rather than have any contention we will pay it, and annex a draft on our friend Fish & Grinnell at Work for the sum: say Fifty four - dollars

Yours respectfully

Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Amo of the Bill £11.5.6 $50/-11

1 / 3. 6 Mo 20 ds Int to 20 May 1820 3.87 3.87

$54.00

James Hall

New Bedford 8 Mo 16. 1820

We wish to have $10.000 Insured on the Brig Alliance Abr Ashley Master from New Bedford to the coast of Patagonia on a Whaling voyage say for Wm Russell $4000 Jos Rotch $1000 Russell $5000 Vessel & outfit each valued at $6000 should the U.S. N. Ins Office be willing to take the risk at 4½ ₵ cent please forward us a policy as above and we will return our Note for the premium —

We are respectfully Yours
Leyds Williams & Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co

8 Mo 18. 1820

Enclosed we send you a sett of exchange on London at 30 day for £ St 350 which please sell in time to part meet the payment for the Sophia, the residue will be forwarded in a few days —

I am Yours respectfully
Leyds Williams & Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co

8 Mo 22. 1820

Annexed we send you Jos Rotch draft on you for $1500 and Jos Richardson Cash's check on the N. E Bank Boston for $2187.75 which together with the Bill on London sent you for sale on the 18th Inst for £350 St will be sufficient to meet the payment for the Sophia due 24/27 Inst

Please be so good as to acknowledge receipt of this and oblige

Your Obt Servts
Wm R Rotch & Co.

Davenport & Allen

8 Mo 25. 1820

Annexed & enclosed you have Invoice & bill lading 31 tons assorted Swedes Iron & Sloop Traveller capt Howland We have Invoiced it at $102 the price you lately obtained for

a parcel sent by some of our neighbours which price we hope you will be able to obtain for this

We should however prefer its being sold from the sloop rather than to incur the expense of storage

We are &c
Wm R Rotch & Co.

Fish & Grinnell 8 Mo 27. 1820

Annexed and enclosed you have Invoice and bill Lading twenty two tons assorted Swedes Iron & this day, which please dispose of to the best advantage —

Respectfully Yours
Sign'd Wm R Rotch & Co

Crocker Russell & Richmond 8 Mo 29. 1820

We now send you a Statement of the Iron delivered for your a/c of the Elizabeth's cargo

8 Mo 22	Sloop Hector	1112 Bars	Lbs 62 to 27.	13.3.12
24 —	— Jane	836 —		26.10.2.8
28 —	— Fisher	990 —		32.1.0.22
on wharf		794 —		19.2.0.06
				105.7.2.20 @ $19 2/3 $1974

One half which please to settle Russell Hons. and for the other we annex a Blank Note which if agreeable please sign and return to us

Yours Crocker when have observed you would be willing to let us have your Note on the 1st of Next Month to bdis counted at Bank — if you will forward us your Note for $3500 dated 9 Mo 4 it will oblige us very much

P. S. The Memo for Nails handed you Crocker has not been rec'd, the cash of Spike written for some time since

Sign'd Wm R Rotch & Co

Capt Eben Slocum New Bedford 9 Mo 12. 1820

The Elizabeth being now ready for sea, we have to remark, that we have inclosed the Invoice & bill of lading of your part of the cargo, consigned to thee, and it is our wish thou shouldst proceed direct for Amsterdam, and there dispose of thy cargo, to the best advantage from the Brig, and close the sales on the spot, unless there was a prospect of its being more to our advantage for the Oil to lay over the winter, sufficiently so, as to make it an object. We should however prefer having the sales closed could it Nett about 37½ ₵ gallon after paying freight —

The proceeds of thy cargo we should wish remitted to our friends Thomas Dickason & Son London unless it would be more to ~~our proceeds~~ for our interest to take Specie, in which case thou will do the latter — We would recommend the house of Van Baggen, Parker & Dijon to give thee such assistance as thou may want in disposing of thy cargo

For thy services this voyage we shall allow thee the same as on the last voyage that is 3½ ₵ on the gross sales thou paying the Merchants the employs he com & guarantee — 5 ₵ ct primage on freight, one ₵ ct on amt remitted or amount of specie brot home and $25 wages ₵ Month —

William R Rotch Jr

Josiah Bradlee & Co New Bedford 9 Mo 12. 1820

You would oblige us by getting the following insurance effected on the Brig Eliz. Ebs Clark Master for amsterdam, and back to this port, and on her cargo out — viz

on the Brig out thence $3000. on our a/c

do do — 3000 on a/c of Eb Clark

Vess declared at — $6500 —

on the cargo $10.000 for ourselves

do 1.500 for Eb Clark —

the Brig is nicely sheathed, and loaded entirely with Oil, she will sail tomorrow or next day

The Note for premium they may forward us & will sign and return them —

Sign'd Wille and W. B Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 9 Mo 13. 1820

Enclosed we send you a bill of Exchange for £200 St on Thos Dickason & Co London which please sell and place the proceeds to our Cr

We are &c

William R. Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 9 Mo 18. 1820

We are now daily expecting to hear of the arrival of the Eliza at New York, with a cargo of Sundries from one half which is for our a/c we wish you to dispose of it from the vessel if you can obtain $90 ₱ ton otherwise, we think it would be more for our interest to store it — and sell it in lots — Your W R R. has given you no directions respecting it yours will please observe the above —

By the Washington — expected in your port T. Dickason & Co have shipped us some sheathing copper consigned to your care, when it arrives please do the needful & forward it to us —

Your friends Sign'd W & R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 9 Mo 27. 1820

Annexed you have copy of Invoice of Iron & Steel which ought to be an addition al advantage to the sale of the Iron as you will see how much there is of different sizes —

Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Poteet & Co

Hall & Mercan 10 Mo 27. 1820

More you have Invoice 1002 Bars swedes Iron, which we presume will weigh nine twenty tons, which please sell for our a/c. we hope you can readily obtain the price at which it is Invoic'd. Bill lading also enclosed —

Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Poteet & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 10 Mo 30. 1820

Capt Hussey has onboard in the Brig Iron from Amsterdam has on board sixty six casks Linseed Oil for our a/c which we wish you to receive do the needful, and sell it to the best advantage for our a/c

Respectfully Your friends
William R Poteet & Co

Geo. Hussey 10 Mo 30. 1820

With pleasure we receiv'd thine of yesterday informing of thy arrival. We have requested our friend J Bradlee & Co to receive the Linseed Oil. therefore thou will please deliver it to them Dollars we observe are quoted at 1/4 Pct prem which will hardly pay the trouble of selling them — if thou should'st however, the proceeds as before requested please deposit in the N. E. Bank to our Co. and forward the Cashiers rect — Your friends Sign'd W R Poteet & Co

E & A Winchester New Bedford 11 Mo 4. 1820

Above we send you our check on the N. England Bank Boston, for Three hundred forty one 92/100 dollars amo your bill bot had last July. Please acknowledge rect of the same & inform us your prices for Bot. by return Mail. Respectfully Your friends

Ingra William R Rotch & Co

Fitch & Grinnell 11 Mo 4. 1820

Above we send you 1 Rotch's cash draft on you for Five thousand dollars which place to our Cr. Presuming from the low prices which Hoy has maintained with you that you have not been able to dispose of any of our part of the Elliza cargo has induced us to dispose of the residue at $90 Leave

Respectfully Your friend

Ingra William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co. 11 M 4. 1820

Finding we can dispose of about Sixteen hundred gallons of Linseed Oil we have to request, should it not be disposed of that you would send us about that quantity by the return of the Pomona and oblige Your

Ingra William R Rotch & Co

James H. Hall Esq 11 Mo 6. 1820

Above we send thee our check on New England bank Boston for Four hundred thirty Nine 57/100 dollars to take up our W R Rotch's Note for $400 on sight Barclay $401. - also Gilbert Russell's Note for $38.50 which please cancel & return us

Respectfull Your

Ingra William R Rotch & Co

New Bedford 11 Mo 21. 1820

Josiah Bradlee & Co

Respected Friend

By the Pomona we receive 25 casks Linseed Oil which we have sold at 95 cents and have that offer for 15 casks more which we have concluded to take, and have therefore to request you would be so good on the return of the Pomona to send us that quantity — the residue we shall prefer to remain on hand this winter, unless you could obtain that price

Respectfully your friends

Lyn'd William & R Rotch & Co

Crocker Bush & Richmond 11 Mo 28. 1820

We have to request you will forward us by the first opportunity a part of 7 tons of 4d — 3 tons 3d and 3 tons 6d hoops, a part of them we should like to have now — By the Pomona sent you of the Olives cargo we charge you with 60 tons. the residue by Russell Sturges

The cask of oil, requested some time ago has not been received — we should like to have them

We annex a statement of our a/c which we hope is correct —

Respectfully Yours

Lyn'd William & R Rotch & Co

Gazell Perkins & Co 12 Mo 28. 1820

You would oblige us by sending us by land about three tons of 4d & three tons 3d hoops, as early in next week as you possible can

Your Friends

Lyn'd William & R Rotch & Co

New Bedford 1 Mo 9. 1821

Josiah Bradlee & Co

Enclosed we send you Andrew Robeson & Co B Rotch's bill at thirty days on Wm. C. & E. B. Lawrence London for £128. 16/ which please sell to best advantage and place the proceeds to our C/T

Your a/c current for the last year we should be glad for you to forward

Respectfully your friends
William B Rotch & Co

Crocker Bush & Richmond 2 Mo 9. 1821

The request we sent you the 28th of the 11 Mo for 7 tons 4 q. 5 tons 3 q and 3 tons 6 hhds. we wish you to bear in mind & forward them as expeditiously as you early on breaking up of your river as you can. as we shall soon be in want of them — At the same time we sent you a statement of our a/c, which if correct please inform us — If you have no objection we should be glad to have your note for $1500 dated the 12th payable at the bank to get discounted, on the return of March

Respectfully your friends
Sign'd William B Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 2 Mo 13. 1821

You will oblige us by sending us by the Baggage Waggon 1 bale of Rowan duck say ten pieces: and charge the same to our a/c

Respectfully Yours
Sign'd William B Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell

New Bedford 2 Mo 14. 1821

You will oblige us by purchasing and sending us by the first opportunity, a box of about 115 to 120 sheets sheathing Copper London would be preferred of 26 oz - likewise three thousand of yellow metal Lap dovetailed Staves - It would be very desirable for us to have the above article as soon as we possibly could

You are current to the end of the past year has been rendered balance due you at that time $1358.44 cts - We observe the Hemp purchased for us 8 Mo 11. 1820 on 6 Mos Cr was not paid as cash in your a/c amo $322.87 which please rectify. ——

Respectfully Yours
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Davenport & Allen

2 Mo 16, 1821

By the Barella capt Howland you will oblige us by purchasing & shipping us one hundred barrels superfine flour - likewise four bbls best of Hazells family flour for our families -

Although the ton shipped you last fall has not become due, yet we have ventured to value on you on a/c thereof for the above. ——

Please mention the price of Iron in your next obligs ——

Your assured friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell

2 Mo 26. 1821

Yours of the 19th with bill of Copper has been rec'd, and we have Cr your a/c the amo pay $245.80 also charged you with $11.43 error in Interest in your a/c current

We wish you to purchase and send us by the Boston for the ship Barclay, fifty barrels best prime pork, and 2 casks Rice ——

Respectfully Your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

E & A. Winchester New Bedford 2 Mo 26. 1821

By the return of Mail please be so good as to inform us at what price you can furnish us with fifty barrels of best cargo Mess beef also the price for Mess suitable for a Cape Horn voyage & oblige

Your ass'd friend
Sign'd Williams & Potter & Co

Van Bagge Pahud & Dixon 2 Mo 27. 1821

Capt Clark in the Elizabeth arrived with us on the 9th Inst by whom we have rec'd your favours of the 10th & 20th Ult. We regret it was not in your power to have effected sales of the Oil at a fair price on his arrival, but hope the spring sales will be more favourable. ——

It is not probable there will be any early shipments of Oil to Europe this year, as at present but very small quantities have been rec'd from the fisheries — We contemplate loading the Elizth with whale oil, as early as we shall be able to obtain a cargo for her either for your port or Bremen — From thence she will proceed to St Petersburg for a return cargo — in which case you will please hold the proceeds of the cargo of the Elizth last fall subject to Capt Clarks orders — likewise of the cargo he will carry out this spring, should he make Amsterdam his Market.

Capt Clark desires his respects to yourself

With much respect We remain
Your friends
Sign'd Williams & Potter & Co

New Bedford 4 Mo 2. 1821

H. H. Meier & Co

Respected Friend

We avail ourselves of the opportunity by the Elizas capt Almy for your port to acknowledge rect of your several letters, particularly that of 10th Jany. with your ace current balance in our favour Dec 31. 1820 $ 739.33 and we have conformd our books thereto. —

We have sold our friends J Russell & Sons our one half the Elizas and are not interested in her present cargo. —

We shall despatch the Elizabeth capt Clark for the North of Europe with a cargo of Oil in about a Month and as it is our intention for her to proceed to St Petersburg for a return cargo — we wish you to hold the balance of our ace together with half the proceeds of the six casks oil p Elizas last summer subject to his order either from your port or whatever port he may discharg his outward cargo —

With much respect we are

Your Obed't friends

William R Rotch & Co

Van Bagge & Parker & Dijon 4 Mo 3. 1821

Annexed you have triplicate of ours of 2m 27. which we now confirm — we yesterday had an arrival from the S. Sea of one of our whalemen, & we shall dispatch the Eliz in the course of ~~two~~ or ~~three~~ weeks for some port in the North of Europe

Yours

Wm R Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co 4 Mo 12. 1821

Above we send you Thomas Rotch's draft on you for six Hundred dollars which please place to our Cr as ace.

Respectfully yours

Sig'd William R Rotch & Co

James Hall New Bedford 4 Mo 12, 1821

President W. C. & Co

The Ship Barclay capt Ebbs & Flowers is now ready to sail for the Pacific Ocean on a Whaling voyage & we are interested in her one third, and wish to have it insured, she has undergone a thorough repair the coppers has been new coppered and is in fine order.

Should you be disposed to underwrite Eight thousand dollars for us &c at Seven pct please send us a policy giving her the usual priviledge granted Whalemen — Ship & outfits valued at Twenty five thousand dollars one half each.

Respectfully your Friends
Cyrus William & Rotch & Co

Thomas & George Barclay 4 Mo 14th 1821

We should be obliged by your informing us by return of Mail if you could furnish us six hundred sheets of sixteen oz London copper and your terms for the same

Respectfully yours
Cyrus William & Rotch & Co

Joseph & Grinnell 4 Mo 14. 1821

We wish you to purchase & ship us by the first opportunity for the Ann if possible the following quantity of best London Copper say

150	Sheets	28 oz
200	—	26
200	—	24
250	—	22
800	Sheets	

The quality of Copper has been of late very inferior we wish you to use your endeavours to get the best in the market

Yours
Wm Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co New Bedford 5 Mo 3. 1821

Annexed you have Invoice fifty barrels parked whale oil which we have taken considerable pains to have clear of any foots and hope you will be able to get a good price for it. We wish you to send us by the Rebecca if she has not left otherwise by the first vessel 4 pieces half duck similar to that you sold Isaac Howland Jr & Co. and 5 pieces heavy duck similar to that you sent us by the Pomona.

The draft we sent you 4 Mo 12. we presume was passed to our Cr. if so please in your next inform us.

Respectfully Yours
Ingt Bellevain Rotch & Co

Ship Bayard Packer & Dispatch 5 Mo 15. 1821

We now have the pleasure of confirming ours of 2 Mo 27 and 4 Mo 3 which we hope ere this have reached you. We have again loaded the Elizabeth capt Clark with a full cargo of South Sea Whale Oil for your port. We hope you will be able effect sales of the cargo for him without storing it. As capt Clark will proceed from your port to St Petersburg for a return cargo we have to request you will open a Cr for him for the amo that will be due us for the proceeds of the cargo of Oil left in your hands last fall, which we hope ere this has been dispersed of together with that of his present ~~cargo~~ cargo.

We hope you will be able to give capt Clark a quick despatch. Presuming we shall soon have the pleasure of hearing from you

We remain Yours Friends
Signd William Rotch & Co

Thos Dickason & Co New Bedford 5th 8. 1821

Your fav 4 Jany enclosing a/c current for the past year was duly rec'd. the bal $58.4.7 we have carried to new a/c conformably to yours

We are about dispatching the Brig Eliz & Clark for Amsterdam with a cargo of Whale Oil, & from thence to St Petersburg for a return cargo, the object of this is to request you will be so good as to honour Capt Clark's drafts for the amo of his Board &c, which may perhaps exceed the amo of funds in your hands a trifle, which we will reimburse thro some of our friends here should we not be likely to have funds remitted from the continent soon

We are &c
Signed Wm R Polk & Co

Capt Eliz Clark 5 Mo 8, 1821

The Eliz being now ready for sea with a cargo of South sea Whale Oil. Invoice and bill lading of which accompanies this. consigned to thy care — It is our wish thou should proceed direct for Amsterdam, where thou will dispose of the cargo and make arrangements with our friends, Van Baggan Parker & Dixon, to honour thy drafts for the proceeds together with the proceeds of thy cargo last year left in their hands, which we shall request them to hold subject to thy order —

We calculate thou will be able to realise from the above sources, after paying the expenses of the Brig at both ports, about Thirty seven thousand dollars — Thou will then proceed to St Petersburg for a return cargo, we should recommend the House of Meyer & Brugman to do thy business at St Petersburg —

We wish all the funds invested in the homeward cargo, in proportions about as follows, increasing or decreasing the quantities of each kind of piece goods as circumstances to thy funds —

viz. 1000 pieces 1st port sail cloth
100 — do — 2d. Ditto
200 — do — 1 port half duck
500 pieces Ravens duck
60 Tons best clean Hemp
30 tuns Old Sable Iron
2 bales — 120 pieces broad Drapes
2 casks (about 500 ℔ in each) of best
Bristles from 6 to 8 Inches in length

For the payment of pound dues there cannot value on our Friends Thos Dickason & Co London, whom we shall request to honour — thy dfts ——

In the Elizabeth's return cargo we shall consider thee interested one eight part. ——

For thy pennies on this voyage, we shall expect to allow three Eleven hundred dollars to be apportioned on the vessel & cargo ——

Meyer & Burgner New Bedford 5 Mo 8, 1821

It gives us much pleasure to inform you that we are induced to send the Brigt Elizabeth, capt Clark to St Petersburg this year he will proceed to Amsterdam with a cargo of Whale Oil, and from thence direct to your port. from the known punctuality and strict attention you paid to the business of the late house of Wm Rotch & Sons (of which our Mr R was a partner) induces us to believe you will give Capt Clark all the assistance and despatch in your power—

We shall give capt Clark a memorandum of the different articles to make up his cargo, who will be furnish with letters of Cr from our friends in Amsterdam for the requisite amount to purchase his cargo—

We should be pleased from time to time to be favoured with your communication respecting the state of your Market, and hope we shall find it to our interest to continue an intercourse of business with you—

With much respect
Yours William R Rotch & Co

Hall & Marean 5 Mo 14, 1821

We drew on you the 7th of last Month for $s Rich[d] for One thousand dollars, which we presume was duly honoured—

As at present we are not wanting funds in Baltimore, we have to request you will remit the balance of sale of Iron last fall which we presume ere this has been rec[d] to our friends Fish & Grinnell New York, and advise us when done—also be so good as to mention the prices of Oils, Iron & Russia goods &c

Respectfully Your Friends
Yours William R Rotch & Co

Seth Russell New Bedford 5 Mo 22. 1821

Being unable to procure a draft on New York. we herewith send you J Richetts Cash check on N. E. Bank Boston for three thousand Dollars. which we presume ~~will~~ you can negotiate thro your Banks and place the amot to our Cr—

We requested our friends Hall & Mason on the 14th Inst to remit you the balance of our acct say about $680 - which please place to our Cr—

We have ~~heard~~ not seen any Mention of the Harmony from Bremen. please Mention in your Next if she has arrived

Very truly yours
Sig'd William, B Rotch & Co

William Baker 5 Mo 27. 1821

Being informed by Mr Redman thro the Medium of Thos brother Benj of the unpleasant situation of thy affairs, we are induced to inform thee, it is not our intention to do any thing that will distress thee with regard to the payment of our demand, but are willing it should remain for the present, not doubting but when thy affairs get more prosperous it will be thy wish to cancel the Note we hold against thee. —— We are happy to find thy Creditors in Phila have manifested so benevolent a disposition towards thee & it is a convincing proof to us, that thy embarrassing Situation, as observed by Mr Redman, was occasioned by Misfortune, and we sincerely wish thou may soon be able to make good all demands against thee ——

We hope thou hast paid our draft favour J R Barney for fifty dollars, if not, and it is not convenient to do it, inform us by return Mail —— The line of business in which thou art engaged is in this place increasing very

much, and no doubt very profetable – should thou be able induced to leave Phila we think thou could'st carry it on more advantageously here than at any other place – as this town is increasing in business and population very fast, and the expense of living much less than in large places

We remain thy friends
Signed Wm W Roberts &c

Joseph Spooner 6 Mo 4, 1821

Having given you the command of the ship Midas, and by intrusting her to your charge, we place the utmost confidence in your ability to conduct this voyage, to the Mutual satisfaction of your self & owners, and we doubt not, but that discipline so essential in the proper Management of so large a crew will be kept up — that your standing as Master will appear so respectable amongst them, that they will be as ready to obey, as you to command — Self respect, let our standing in life be what it may, is essentially Necessary in ~~life~~ order to gain the esteem of our fellow Men, Hence it is justly said, that if a Man respect not himself he will never be respected by others – we however have great pleasure in the belief that on your part nothing will be wanting either in perseverance or good conduct to accomplish the object in pursuit and that you will take a grate pride in Meeting at the termination of the voyage your owners, with a full ships and consciousness of Merited approbation. —

We wish you to proceed to the Western & Cape de Verd Islands, where you will cruise for Specm. till until the season for the Bank, and you Must Make your calculations so as to be on the false Bank by the 15th of Sept. and by no Means to leave

it, unless you have a full ship, or something transpire to make it unavoidable. before the Middle of May, this will allow you Eight Months to embrace all the season. We need not impress it upon you the Necessity of cruising on the Gabe Bank as your experience will dictate to you the best ground for Whales — Your ship is in fine order — indeed her bottom never was better — and after wishing you a pleasant & prosperous Voyage we are &c

Yours sig'd William R Roteh & Co

Fish & Gunnell 6 Nov 8. 1871

~~We would thank you to send us~~

We should be very much obliged by your shipping us by the Ann one thousand seasoned Pipe staves. One Hhd's staves. and a thousand of hh'd heading seasoned — We were pleased to receive yours p the Ann informing of the arrival of the Harvey

In haste Your Friend
Sig'd William R Roteh & Co

6 B & Richmond 7 Nov 3. 1871

You will much oblige us by sending the first opportunity the following quantity of cut Nails —

1 Cask	2d	cut Nails
1 do	4d	do
1 do	6d	do
1 do	8	do
1 do	10	do
5 casks		

Should you not be able to supply us please let us know by return Mail —

Very truly Your friends
Sig'd William R Roteh & Co

Jonah Bradlee & Co 7 Mo 2, 1821

We wish you to procure for us some candle Moulds, as per memo for our New Spermaceti works, and have to request the favour that you will pay attention to having them made in the best possible manner, and it is particularly important that the inside of the Moulds should be perfectly smooth — We wish to have them as soon as they can be made, and hope to come into the Market early in the Fall with as handsome & well Manufactured Candles & Oil as any that will be offered, meaning to pay all possible care & attention to the business ——

Memo: 8 dozen Moulds of the usual size & length
8 do Moulds of . . . . . do — do
8 do of the same diameter as yours to Make the Candles 11/8 Inches long including the tips so as to weigh 5 to the ℔
4 — do of the same diameter as yours to Make the candles 9/8 Inches long including the tips so as to weigh 6 to the ℔

And when finish please forward them by Pomona

Respectfully Yours Friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co.

James —
Hall Esqr
President of W. C. M. Ins Co
Respected Friend 7 Mo 3. 1821

Above we send thee William Rotch Jr draft on Jonah Bradlee & Co for Nine hundred ninety one dollars being the amount of two Notes, one signed by ourselves the other by John Coggeshall Jr for - from 4 Ms. on the Ship Minerva & ourselves which Notes please cancel & forward us —

Very truly thy friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co.

John H Pease New Bedford 7 Mo 26. 1821

We are about fitting out Brig Alliance for the Sperm fishery in the Atlantic ~~Ocean~~ or Pacific Ocean, and should not like to be unemployed, and should like to take charge of her, we should be pleased for thee to do it — said Brig is 235 tons and will bring from the fishery 1500 barrels of oil her hull underwent a thorough repair last summer, she was New sheathed and is in excellent order, she is called a good sailer on her wooden bottom and holds a good stock we shall coppe her, and fit her in the best manner — with three ones. She always having carried that number) The lay, we should expect to give thee would be a sixteenth, which is More than is generaly given in those boat vessels

Please answer us by return packet wether thee accepts our offer or Not

With Much respect we are
Thy Friends
Sign'd William R Rotch

Crocker Bush & Richmond 8 Mo 11. 1821

You will oblige us by forwarding the following quantity of Nail by the first opertunity, also a bill of them with the prices annexed, as also that of that parcel rec'd some time since

1	Cask	6	
1	—	6	Cut
1	—	10	
1	—	20	
1/4			

With Much respect
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Seth I. North, New Bedford 8 Mo 13. 1821

Berlin Con^t

Annexed we send the Capt Knowls Invoice of Hoops Eliza Ann receipt for two thousand six hundred & Ninety seven pounds old Copper. sold three some time since from Ship Minerva likewise a bill of the same amount $377.38 Three hundred seventy seven 38/100 dollars

We should prefer thy forwarding us a draft on Boston for the amo. as it would save the usage of bill

Please send us an answer by return of Mail & oblige Respectfully thy friends

Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Crocker Bush & Richmond 8 Mo 16. 1821

We are again out of Hoops & should be glad for you to forward us by the first opportunity say 5 tons 4^d & 3 tons 3^d Hoops.

You would particularly oblige us by making from 1 to 2 tons of 2^d hoops and sending us, we want them to hoop bands for the purpose of shipping oil to market

Respectfully Yours

Wm R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 8 Mo 18. 1821

Please send us by the Pomona 2 pieces pound quality heavy duck, and 2 pieces of Ravens duck. and oblige

Your friends

Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

J. Bradlee & Co 8 Mo 25. 1821

Enclosed we send you Geo Beach Cash^r draft on Gilbert & Dean favour Seth I North for $377.58 which you will oblige us by collecting & placing to our Cr. — We have a promiss^y Note due at the N.E.M. & I. Co. for $451 for Ins^ce on the Brig^t Alliance please do us the favour to call & pay it The duck & Pomona has been rec^d and $62.26 to your Cr.

We are &c Wm R. Rotch & Co

Tish & Gunnell N. Bedford 8 Mo 25. 1821

We are in want of 160 or 170 yards of
Caught press Bagging for our Sperm Manufactory, such
as Tucking Baize of your city have woven up the North
River, which please do us the favour to purchase &
forward, should that house have none on hand
endeavour to get them to have some made for us —
As there is considerable difference in the quality
of the Bagging we have to request you to pay
particular attention to it — We expect Capt. Price
is in N. York who is well acquainted with the article
and would be willing to assist in selecting it. —

With esteem &
Wm R Rotch & Co

Capt James Swain 8 Mo 30. 1821

The ship Minerva being now
ready for sea, and entrusted to thy charge
we have to remark that she is in fine order
and well fitted for the voyage —

As the Minerva is a fast sailing ship
we are in hopes you will be able to fill her
in a short time, and make a speedy return
In a Whaleing voyage to the Pacific
Ocean it would be impossible for us to point
out any particular course to thee, but
would observe that we wish thee to avoid
going into port as much as possible, and
only, when thy situation will not warrant
thy staying any longer out, and should thy
papers be endorsed either by the Patriots or
Royalists thou will be careful in not
entering any ports, so prohibited if possibly to
be avoided, and when in port be particularly
careful with respect to trading, as it is many
times cause of detention and much detriment
to the voyage — We hopes that thou may st
be so fortunate as to procure some oil on thy

passage out, we enclose some bill lading, which if shoulds there be able to ship the Ice home, there will have sign'd, and forwarded us one by the vessel bringing the Ice, and others by different conveyances, We should prefer the shipment being Made from the cape D. bend, if to New York consign'd to the care of our friends Fish & Grinnell if to Boston to Josiah Bradlee & Co

The ship being small we hope they pay particular attention to stowing the Ice, & get as much in her as possible —

Whenever an opportunity presents of writing us a few lines, we should be pleased to hear from thee, how you get along &c —

Wishing you a pleasant and prosperous voyage, We remain with Much esteem

Thy friends
Sign'd William R. Ritch & Co.

C. B. & Richmond 9 Mo 19. 1821

You will oblige us much by crediting us your note payable at the Bedford Bank for $200 dated on the 24th the Month at 60 days — which your C. Richmond said to us you would accomodate us with

Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Ritch & Co

Henry Grinnell New Bedford 9 Mo 22. 1821

Annexed we send thee Invoice of fifty casks of Whale Oil, which please dispose of to the best advantage. We hope it will command a good price as so large a part of it is in small casks when sold please forward us a/c sales, placing 3/8 three eighths of the proceeds to the Cr of Wm Russell and the remainder to ours.

Respectfully thy friends
Wm & William R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell 10 Mo 2. 1821

Understanding there has some light English Iron hoops for sale, we would thank thee to forward us say 5 Cwt of the smallest size to make a trial of them —

With esteem thy friends
Wm & William R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell

Your favour of the 6 inst has been rec'd & herein find the Invoice & the Acct and the Amo of 37.$\frac{62}{100}$ placed to your Cr in a/c, should they answer our purpose we shall wish more of them at a future day. We annex Invoice of 296 casks Whale Oil which we hope you will be able to sell at as good or better price than the last sent you, and when sold place the proceeds in the same Manner as requested to for the other parcel

Respectfully thy friends
Wm & William R Rotch & Co

Jno. Rust & Richmond 10 Mo 20. 1821

Your favor of 17 hhds been rec'd we are disposed to let you have the Iron of the Eli cargo allowing us as good terms as you got of the Rodmans We are entirely out of Hoops & should be glad to receive a few tons

Yours
Wm R Rotch & Co

C. B. & Richmond New Bedford 11 Nov. 1821

Above we send you Capt Bresbury
rect for Thirty five Tons Old Sable Iron. J. A Parker
came to us this afternoon and wish'd to take
from the cargo about two Tons and ofer with you for
it, we objected at first, but as he would
write you to night and should object to
his having it he will send it to you by
the next vessel ——

We have to request you will be
particular in having it weighed as the
quantity falls short from what it was
taken into the vessel for - between 14 & 1500 lb
and 25 Bars, and it is the opinion of the Custom
house weigher that he missed a draft —

The circumstance of it falling
short both in Number of Bars and weight
of a draft leads us to think there must be
an error - The quantity of Iron del'd Parker
for your ofr 2 Q 2. 1. 3 —

You will oblige us by writing
when you have got it weighed of the result
that we may govern ourselves accordingly

In haste Yours
Signed W. R. Rotch & Co

C. B. & Richmond New Bedford 11 Mo 26. 1821

Your favour of the 24th ins^t^ enclosing your check on Taunton bank payable in bills of the Nantucket Banks. we duly rec^d^, we presented it at our Bank for the purpose of taking up your note, but the cashier refused to take it. we therefore paid the note ourselves, say two thousand dollars.

We will thank you to forward us the bills alluded to in your letter before the close of this month and we can make them answer our purpose — We wish you to bear in mind in having the Iron weighed which we sold you of the Eliz^a^ Cargo. we should like to have a ton of 3^c^ hoops sent us opportunity

Respectfully Yours

Sig^d^ William R Rotch & C^o^

Henry Gummere 12 Mo 4. 1821

We should be obliged by thy purchasing us two thousand C. C. bbl^d^ heading and forward by return of the Ann ——

very truly thy friends

Sig^d^ William R Rotch & C^o^

C. B & Richmond 12 Mo 15. 1821

Above you we send you Mr Matthew Phillips order on you payable in Iron Hoops being on ac^t^ of duck supplied him, which if accepted please place to our C^r^ in ac^t^ and advise us. We are without any hoops from you since you C. B was here and promised us a supply but hope ere long, to receive some. Also a statement of the weight of the Iron of the Eliz^a^ Cargo

Respectfully Your friends

Sig^d^ William R Rotch & C^o^

John W Langdon. New Bedford 12 Mo 19. 1821

Herewith we send thee a Richardson Cashr check on New England Bank Boston for Five hundred twenty one $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars being the amount of your bill Copper due 22nd inst.— Please acknowledge receipt of this and inform us if thee keeps a supply of Copper on hand and could supply us in the spring should we have need for some —

Respectfully thy friends
William B Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 2mo 4. 1822

Your favour of the 16th ult with Acct Current for the past year has been rec'd & we have conformed our books thereto balance due 12m 31. 1821 $526.$\frac{22}{100}$ to your Cr in new a/c also Cr. you in new a/c $3 diff. in your bill rendered 2m 20 of copper & the charge in your a/c please notice to us if correct

We shall be in want early in the Spring of 700 Sheets of sheathing copper from 22 to 26 oz please inform us by return packet at what price & terms on which you could procure it— we hope soon to hear of your being in funds for the amo of our a/c by Sales of Oil and Candles

Respectfully
Wm R Rotch & Co

Fisk & Grinnell New Bedford 2 Mo 23. 1822

We wrote you on the 4th Inst by the Orbit requesting to be informed on what terms you could procure us some sheathing copper, but as we have not heard of her arrival. we therefore request you will purchase and send us by the first packet seven hundred sheets copper

200 Sheets 26 oz
300 " 24
200 " 22

If you do not procure the above on a credit, and wish for us to place you in funds please inform us and we will remit you. but if you have no objection we should prefer being in your Dr for a time. Respectfully your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell 3 Mo 4. 1822

Thy fav of 2 Mo 28 with sales 29 casks of Whale Oil has been rec'd. we have debited thy ap accordingly pay our part $321.66/100

We wish thee to purchase and send us by the Experiment 26 bbls best prime pork, and two casks of Rice. also a Caboose (No 7 Geo Soules Make) calculated for 15 or 16 Hands) bound with wrought Iron bands at the sides - - - Truly thy friends
William R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell 3 Mo 14. 1822

By the Ann we would thank thee to send us two thousand of pease or Irish barrel staves - and place the Amo to our Cr - -
also half a Chaldron of Sea Coal 2 Inst Respectfully thy friend
Signed William R Rotch & Co

John W. Russell New Bedford 3 Mo 30. 1822

We wish thee to purchase and send us by the Experiment if one sail of this she has not left New York Forty barrels prime Pork a camboose No 7 Tuttle & Sebastian Make. bound with wrought Iron & Spun oil purchased one for us a few weeks since price $15 - should the E. have left please send them by the Ann - Also procure and send us by the first vessel about 75 feet 7/8 inch copper bolts. We hope thou hast effected sales of oil & candles for our a/c to place thee in funds for above purchases

P.S. Please also send with the above one cask Rice - - - -

Respectfully thy friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

L. B. Richmond 3 Mo 30. 1822

We wish you to send us by the first opportunity five tons s' and one ton 3' hoops for a/c of William Rotch & and charge the same to him, it is at his request we send for them, your immediate attention hereto will much oblige us

Very truly your friend
Sign'd William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 4 Mo 2. 1822

Respected friends Enclosed we send you a Sett of Exchange for 3500 Guilders on Van Baggan Parker & Dijon Amsterdam, indorsed by William Rotch & which we wish you to sell and place the proceeds to our credit. We should be obliged when you have sold said draft to take up a promissory Note of ours to the N E M Ins Co for $1281 and premium on Ship W Rotch. Per the returns of the Pomona please send us Twenty pieces half duck of the Ruggles sent J Howland & Co

Respectfully
Sign'd Wm R Rotch & Co

James Hall Penduno 4 Nov 12. 1822

N. E. M. Ins. Co We wish to have some Insurance effected on the Bark Elizabeth, capt Ebn Clark to sail in the course of next Week on a whaling voyage, she will proceed to the cape of Good Hope. cruise in the Indian Ocean, on the coast of Timor, and should she not succeed in obtaining a voyage in that Ocean, to proceed to the coast of Japan, and return by the way of cape Horn - It is our wish to have the Insurance so effected that capt Clark may have the liberty of cruising wherever he may deem it most to the interest of the voyage, with liberty to go into ports for refreshments as may be necessary - The bark is just equipped and fitted in the best Manner for the voyage she is 200 tons navigated by sixteen Men. capt Clark is an experienced Navigator, and has been four voyages to the eastward of the cape of Good hope. two of them a whaling, but not so far as the coast of Timor, the vessel will be sufficiently armed to guard of the Malays &c. should they attack her,

We would thank thee to inform us by return of Mail at what premium the N. E. M. Ins. Co would take said risk. -

We have requested our friend Josiah Bradlee to call and take up our Note for premium on the S. Boston Risk which we presume they will do in a few days - Respectfully thy friends

Sigd William R Rotch & Co

James Hall — 4 Nov 18. 1822.

Pres N. E. M. Ins Co

We duly rec'd thy favour of the 15th Inst. but cannot agree with them in thinking the risk quite by One pct than a vessel to the Pacific Ocean direct. The office in this place is willing to take the risk at Seven & ½ pct and at that rate offer to do it. but it is our opinion that seven pcent would be a fair rate of premium for said voyage. which is One half pcent more than the present rate to the Pacific Ocean direct. —

We are not disposed to give More than Seven Pcent. and should your office be willing to take the risk at that rate. we wish you to send us a policy for $8000. On ½ the Ship on vessel & One half on outfits. Vessel and outfits each valued at $7500. One half for account of Uber Black & One half for ourselves — Should your office decline taking the risk at that premium, please do us the favour to offer it to some of the other Boston offices. and shew them our letter of the 12th and Much oblige

Thy friends
Augs & Williams & Rotch Jr's

Wm Baggan Parker & Dixon — Nov 19. 1822

We embrace this opportunity by the Indian Chief Capt Nye for your port. again to advise you that on the 2d Inst we drew on you favr Wm Rotch Jr for $3500 at 30 ds s. which we trust you will duly honour. As the balance now in your hands is so small we have to request you will be so good as to pay it to Capt Nye to whom we give an order for that purpose. We are now daily expecting an arrival from the South Seas. and hope your Market will warrant our making you a Shipment this Summer. —

Respectfully Your Friends
William R. Rotch Jr's

Philip Rye

New Bedford 4 m 19. 1822

Above we hand thee an order on Van Baggan Parker & Dixon for the balance of acct which we presume will be from 330 to 350 Guilders which please do us the favour to present & collect — the amt: thou canst either bring home in Specie or use thyself & ap for it with us on thy return — should thou return to N York please place the amt to our C with Fish & Grinnell — for thy attention hereto we shall be much obliged & will compensate thee for thy trouble

I^a Wm A Rotch & Co

I Bradlee & Co

5 m 14. 1822

We wish you to send us twenty pieces Half duck similar to that sent us some time since, if you have it for sale by capt Atkins Cobleg

Wm A Rotch & Co

Fred^k A Delius (Boston)

5 mo 15. 1822

Our ship Minda arrived last evening from the Banks, she has about 1800 bbls Whale Oil of which we can furnish thee or any of thy friends about one hundred tons at 29 cents ₱ gall Cash delivered here, Sand drove & in complete order for shipping & free of wharfage — We should have no objection to extending the pay to sixty days by adding on the Interest to the note payable in Boston — The above price is the lowest we are willing to sell it for, should thou incline to purchase please give us an answer by return mail — We have written to our friend Elisha Hathaway as above & should thou conclude to take a part of this oil please be good enough to mention it to him

We are &

Wm Rotch & Co

Elisha Hathaway

New Bedford 5 Mo 15. 1822

Our ship Midas arrived last evening from the Brazil Banks with about 1800 bbls Whale oil, of which we can dispose of about 1000 bbls, on the following terms which are the lowest we are willing to sell at viz to nett us here free of commission and all other expenses twenty nine cents ₰ gall cash delivered here, and draw 4 in complete shipping order free of wharfage

Should thou be able to dispose of the above quantity or a part of it on those terms please inform us as early as practicable — We have written to our friend Fred[k] A Delius who wished us to communicate to him our terms, which we have done as above therefore if thou shouldst be able to find a market for it please be so good as to mention it to him

We are thy friend

Wm R. Rotch & Co

P.S. We should have no objection to extending the term of payment to 60 days by adding the Interest to the note payable in Boston Wm R Rotch & Co

James Hall Esqr

5 Mo 24. 1822

We wish our ½ of the ship Wm Rotch Capt L Tobey insured to the amt of $12000, on half on ship & one half on outfits, whole valued at $24000 one ½ each from hence to the Pacific Ocean on a whaling voyage with the same liberty she had last voyage from the N. E. Marine Ins Co See their policy to us on s[d] ship No 6408

Should your office be willing to take risk at the prem[m] lately paid on similar risks say 6 ½ p[r] ct. we would thank thee to have us a policy filled & forwarded

We are &c

Wm R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee Esq

6 Mo 4. 1822

We wish you to send us by the Pomona (if you have it for sale) 2 Bales of Ravens duck 1 Qual. and 20 pieces half duck, we hope you can give us on C. as we want it to make an assortment with our heavy duck which we are obliged to sell on 6 mo C. Please inform us if you could be able to sell som heavy Russia duck and the probable price say D Bruegins ZHΦIAIE and Fonneyo ΠHΠΠ Manufacture

Yours &c

Wm R. Roteh & Co

Josiah Bradlee Esq

6m 12. 1822

Being unable to procure U. S. bills or a draft on Boston to pay a Bond at the Custom house, we are under the necessity of asking of you the favour to place to the C. of John Hawes Esq at the Branch bank in your city $1445 42/100 and forward us a receipt for the same — To place you in funds for the same please draw on us at sight for about that amout say $1500, sell the draft & place the proceeds to our C. — It would be an accommodation to us if it is perfectly convenient for you to pay the above sum, & place it to our debit in a/c on Int till the end of the year — We regret that we should be under the necessity of calling on you to transact the above business & could we have devised any other mode of obtaining the kind of funds necessary for that purpose, we would not have trespassed on your favour We shall send you on the return of the Pomona 50 p.ᵗ heavy duck, & should we send some whale oil pumps off into barrels clear of foots what price could you probably obtain for it —

If you could obtain a price for 300 400 bbl of whale that would nett 28 cents ₰ gall cash delivered here we should like to sell about that quantity — It would be desireable to receive your answer hereto with the Cash receipt by seventh day even.ᵍ the 15.ᵗʰ

We are Wm R Roteh & Co

Hall & Macan New Bedford 6 Mo 14. 1822

Above we send you Invoice of Ten barrels of Whale Oil, pumpd off from large cask and entirely clear of foots, and in New bbls. we hope you will be able to procure a good price for it from 36 to 38 cents — It was our intention to have sent you a considerable quantity but the vessel could not wait for us to get it ready. —

Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Sons

Josiah Bradlee & Co 6 Mo 14. 1822

We have put on board the Emely capt Peckham 25 packages containing Fifty pieces Russia duck, which we hope you will be able to dispose of for $19 on four Months Cr

25 Bales Marked R+C T
for 1 12½ ℔ per bale — —

Respectfully your friends
Sign'd Wm R Rotch & Co

David Anthony 6 Mo 18. 1822

Annexed we send the Invoice Fifty pieces Russia duck entitled to debenture by the Henry capt West, which we hope there will be able to sell for exportation —

We have a considerable quantity of Whale Oil on hand, and should be glad to have an opportunity of effecting a sale of some for us, to suit in cash about 30 cents ℔ gall after paying all charges, we will send a parcel —

Please inform us if we can draw on Thee the 22d for $800. our proportion of proceeds Sales 100 boxes candles. Thee due

Respectfully thy friends
Wm R Rotch & Co

Freight 12½ ℔ bale & 2 pair.

Fish & Gunnell 6 Mo 18. 1822

Annexed we send you Invoice
fifty pieces sail cloth intitled to debenture, which
we hope you will be able to dispose of at the
price of Invoice Respectfully Your friends
Sign'd William R Roteh & Co

Josiah Bradlee Esq 7 Mo 1. 1822

Should you have Ravens
and duck on hand, for sale at the prices
and on before charged us and are willing to send
us 20 pieces Ravens and 10 pieces duck,
please do it by return of the Pomona
Respectfully Your
Sign'd William R Roteh & Co

Fish & Gunnell 7 Mo 6. 1822

Having it in contemplation
of loading a vessel for Belboa with a cargo of
oil, and to invest the proceeds in Wool for a
return Cargo - We have to request the favour
of you to make some enquiries and inform
us what the price of Wool was in that part
of Europe from the last accounts - likewise
what the prospect would be for a sale of cargo
of Whale oil either at that port or Lisbon also
the present value of Wool in New York.
Your attention hereto will particularly
oblige us Your ob'd friends
Sign'd William R Roteh & Co

Hall & Macean New Bedford 7m 23. 1822

Your fav of the 13th with sales of 10 bbls Whale oil was duly rec.d & the proceeds placed to your cr —

Annexed we send you Invoice 20 bbls of Whale oil of a similar quality & in good barrels of the Sloop Victory Capt Cottow via N York — We shall send you by the same conveyance about 50 boxes Sperm candles from our Manufactory with W.T. Russell

A bill lading for the oil we enclose

Your friends

W R Rotch & Co

Capt Ch.r Coggeshall 7 mo 30. 1822

Annexed we hand thee Invoice 20 bbls Whale oil which please dispose of to the best advantage and invest the proceeds in the purchase of thy returns Cargo

Thy friends

Wm R Rotch & Co

(forwarded via New York)

Thomas Simpson (Oporto) 7 mo 30. 1822

We this day rec.d thy letter of 4 June 1818 (presume it should be 1822) & regret to learn thou hast not rec.d the amt of thy note against Capt Goodrich — On reference to our Letter Book we find the first intelligence we had of the demand, was by a letter from Isaiah Isham of New London Con.t dated July 25. 1820 as Capt Churchees agent — Our W R being absent from town the letter was not answered until the 14th 8th mo (Aug.t) when we forwarded Isham the amo. he demanded say $54. part of it being Int.t & on the 20th we rec.d his letter of the 17th with a receipt for the amo.t & Goodrich's note enclosed —

We have writ Isham this day informing him of thy letter & request him to do the needful — Capt Goodrich on leaving Oporto went to Cork, took in a Cargo of Potatoes & for Cadiz put into Falmouth Eng.d on ac.t of the weather & left there about the Middle of the 12th inst. which is the last intelligence we have had of him or the vessel, & have no doubt but he was lost in the English Channel

Thy friends W R Rotch & Co.

Rich'd Ham

New Bedford Jan 30. 1822

We this day rec'd a letter from Thomas Simpson dated Oporto 4 June informing us he had been rec'd the amo. of his note against Capt Goodrich, which we p'd thee & thy letter of 17. Aug. 1820 enclosing the note with thy rec'd in full for the am't. Day $54.

If the am't has not been remitted him, we should be obliged by thy attending to it

We are

Wm R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co

8 Mo 12. 1822

Inclosed we send you Hussey & Allen's draft on Messrs Cazenove & Mitchell in favr of Wm G. Allen for Eight hundred & forty five dollars at sixty days sight. The same you will please get discounted & deposite the balance at the U. S. Branch Bank. to the Cr of John Hawes Esqr Collector of this place & forward us as soon as you have done the needful the duplicate receipt from the Bank thereof. The same being to take up a Bond which becomes due on the 15th at the Custom House. It was impossible to get a draft on Boston at a shorter sight than the above

Your particular attention to the same will much oblige Your assured friends

William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co

8 Mo 16. 1822

Yours of last 6th day Mail came duly at hand enclosing the draft & receipts for $1450 which amo we have Cr you. The draft is indorsed by Wm Rotch Jr as Agt Wm Rotch & Anthony account of Yours, & presuming it will be as satisfactory as if indorsed by them. Should enclosed it last 6th day Mail but Wm Rotch Jr was likewise Agt of Yours & we have enclosed it to you.

Yours friends

Sep'a Wm R Rotch & Co

Smith & Russell New Bedford 9 Mo 7. 1822

Annexed you have Invoice 31 Casks Whale Oil of an excellent quality, which we hope you will be able to dispose of from the Sloop at the price Invoiced at, and place the proceeds to Acct of The Ann Sail tomorrow

P.S. The Oil in the New bbls was stained from large casks & is clear from foot - - - - -

Respectfully Your friends
Signed Wm R Rotch & Co's

Caleb Hathaway & Co's 9 Mo 7. 1822

Annexed we send you 32 Casks Whale Oil p the Ann Capt Wood, which as it is in small Casks and of an excellent quality we hope you will be able to get a price for it that will nearly nett to us as Invoiced

Your favr 26th ult was duly received and we thank you for the offer to make an advance on shipments, which may perhaps we may at some time avail ourselves of - We shall probably draw on you in a few days for $300 which we hope you will duly honored - -

P.S. The Oil in the New bbls was started from large casks & is clear of foot Yours Truly

Signed Wm R Rotch & Co's

C. Burk & Richmond 9 Mo. 19. 1822

We would thank you to send us by the first opportunity three tons Co & two tons Sp No 1

Wm R Rotch & Co

wrote them again on the above subject 10 Mo 11 & requested them to send 2 tons C. besides -

David Anthony New Bedford 9 Mo 19. 1822

We have this day drawn on the favour J Richetson Cash for $500 at five days sight which we hope they will duly honour, we are aware that they are not in funds for the whole of the above amount but presume they would not excuse the liberty taken. Please inform us in thy next if they could make a sale of a parcel of Whale Oil and at what price

Respectfully Thy Friends
Signed William R Rotch & Sons

Caleb Hathaway 9 Mo 25. 1822

Annexed we send thee Invoice 48 Casks Whale Oil p the Sloop Rachel Capt Hart to sail tomorrow. which we should be glad if thee could dispose of the parcel together at the prices Invoiced at.

Respectfully Thy friends
Sign'd William R Rotch & Sons

David Anthony 9 Mo 27. 1822

Annexed we send thee Invoice 10 barrels of packed Whale Oil in excellent Casks. which we hope thee will be able to obtain the prices Invoiced at, or could thee get 35 Cents on the wharf perhaps it would be proper able

Respectfully Thy friends
Signed William R Rotch & Sons

Hall & Marcan New Bedford 9 Mo 30. 1822

Your favour 18th Inst with Sales of Whale Oil was duly received and the Amo $207.61/100 to your debit. Annexed you have Invoice of 21 Casks Whale Oil p the Enterprise, Capt Dexter, which we hope you will be able to obtain the price Invoiced at on the wharf

Your friends
Sign'd Wm R. Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 10 Mo 24. 1822

Enclosed you have Elias Berry's draft on you for Two hundred Sixty One 61/100 dollars at Sight, which if accepted please pass to our C/C in a/c

Respectfully Your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Caleb Hathaway 11 Mo 4. 1822

Thy favour of the 30 ult has been rec'd and it is our present impression that the decline in the price of whale Oil, will be best of short duration, as the quantity in the country is not large, and there has been of late a considerable demand for the article for the South of Europe - We think thou hadst better hold on for the present and not sell under 37 cents, unless in the course of a few weeks it should be thy opinion that we had better sell at a price something less than the above.

Please inform us what amount there at now in funds for our a/c, and if it would be convenient for thee to let us draw on thee for from $2000 to $2500 and on what time, we would would thank for an answer by return of Mail

Your Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

David Anthony New Bedford 12 Mo 31. 1822

Annexed we send Thee Invoice 26 Casks fine Straned Sperm Oil which belongs to our W R Rotch, we hope Thou will be able to get the price Invoiced at, but if Thou could get 60 cents Cash on a Short Bill on the wharf, it would be better than having it stored. The proceeds place to his Cr / Thy favr of the 18th Inst to W. J. Russell is rec'd and we shall avail ourselves of the liberty of Thine given to draw on Thee for our a/c six hundred dollars. W J R left town a few days since very unexpected on business. left the Management of his Concerns with us & as we shall need some Money on his a/c next week, shall take the liberty of drawing on Thee for his a/c Two hundred dollars, which Thou will please pay & charge him with

We remain Thy Friends
pr/ William R Rotch & Co

James Hall 1 Mo 8. 1823
Pres[t] N.E.M. Ins Co

Enclosed we send Thee a Check on Boston Bank for Three hundred sixty One dollars amount of our premium note, on Ship Sophia's outfits, which please cancel & forward us

Thy Friends
Wm R. Rotch & Co

letter forwarded by Gen[l] Lincoln

Josiah Bradlee &c New Bedford 1 Mo 24. 1823

Respected Friends

Above we send you Jos Rotch draft on you at sight for Eleven hundred dollars which please place to our Cr in a/c. Our acct Current was duly rec'd and have conformed our Books thereto, balance due you Dec 31. 1822 $2110.84 to New a/c. you will oblige us by informing when you have paid drafts drawn by our W. R. R. in your next letter to us, as they have not got entered on our Books until the close of the year. had we had knowledge of you being in advance for us the past year, we should have endeavoured to have refunded it

Respectfully Your friends
Signed William R Rotch &c

Joseph J Russell New Bedford 1 Mo 27. 1823.

Enclosed we send three ten dollar Note on the Harmony Institution of the town of Harmony in your State. which we should thank thee to put & place whatever it should net to our Credit. The balance of our a/c when collected please pay over to C Hathaway of your City

Respectfully Your friends
Signed Wm R Rotch &c

Caleb Hathaway New Bedford 1 Mo 27. 1823

The last favour of the 12th ult was duly rec'd and noted. we were in hopes the Article of Whale Oil would a advanced in price, but find we are disappointed, we therefore request thou would sell what thou hast remaining on hand at the going Market price, We have this day requested Joseph J Russell of your City to pay over to thee the bal of our a/c when collected, about $320. which please to rec & place to our Cr in a/c Your friends Signed Wm R Rotch &c

David Anthony New Bedford Nov 27. 1823

Thy favour of the 14th Inst with account current for the past year was duly rec'd and the balance due us when collected $1147 65/100 to thy debit in new acct. We notice thy remarks respecting Whale Oil & request the price is so low, but have now to request thou would dispose of what remains on hand at the going Market price

Respectfully thy friends
Sep'a Wm R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell New Bedford Nov 29. 1823

Thy favour 22d Inst annexing draft on Thomas Rotch for Two hundred fifty six 75/100 Dollars was duly received. the draft is paid and the amount to thy Cr in acct. Thy account current for the past year has been rec'd, we have compared our books thereto, balance due us Nov 1. 1823. Two thousand two Hundred & fifty two 45/100 dollars to new acct. We drew on the 15th Inst favour Nye & Grinnell for Five hundred dollars. also on the 24th favour J Rotch for six hundred Dollars. both at 5 days sight. we should also draw on thee for Eight hundred dollars the 31st Inst favr J. Pickerson Cashr at six days sight. all which we hope thou will duly honour. J Pickerson will send thee by the Exprest to paid day after tomorrow Should thou write to us

Respectfully thy friends
Sig'd William R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee Esq^r New Bedford 1 Mo 30. 1823

Above you have Joseph Rotch's draft on you for Four hundred dollars, which pass to our credit in account

Respectfully your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Wilbour
D. Southward

1 Mo 30. 1823

The object of this is again to call thy attention to our demand against Libny Rogers estate. The am^t awarded us by a statement rec^d from thee was $152.10 with Interest from 5 Mo 17. 1820 - which with Interest to 2 mo 17. 1823 will amount to $178.57, and we regret to say that if it is not paid at that time we shall be under the necessity of placing it in the hands of Wm^s & Warren Attys for collection

Tho wilt find it entered as belonging to Wm Rotch Jr Hon, but on the dissolution of that house, the demand was made over to us - We desire thy immediate attention hereto

Wm R. Rotch & Co

NB The above letter was enclosed to Jos Meigs with a request that he would see it delivered WRR&C.

B wrote again 4 Mo 28. 1824

David Anthony New Bedford 2 Mo 18. 1822

The object of this is to request whether thou should like us to draw on thee for one thousand dollars at 60 days from the 24th Inst Money is very scarce with us and our Bank discounts no paper excepting drafts. That is very difficult to collect Money due here. From the sales last rendered, and, bill on hand we hope by the time the draft becomes due thou will be able to take it up - should thou have any objections we will wait and receive the am^t as they become due. We should be obliged by an answer by return of Mail

Respectfully Yours Signed. Wm R Rotch & Co

Thomas Dickason & Co. New Bedford Nov 22. 1823

Your favour the 7th Jany 1822 was duly received, with your account current for 1821. balance due us £ 19.5.4 to be credit in Guy a/c. and we have conformed the same thereto. —

Our esteemed friend Wm Rotch Jr wishing to have about Twenty pounds in London, we have this day given him an order favour Benjn Rotch Jr at thirty days sight for the balance of the a/c when the bill becomes due, which we hope you will duly honour. — As we do not expect to have any European business this year, we conclude it would be best to have our account closed, but trust so long we shall find it to our interest again to renew our correspondence. — We early last year despatched our friend Capt Eben Slack in the Bark Ship Elizabeth to the Coast of Timor and elsewhere on a whaling voyage. Should he meet with any accident, and not be able to raise funds to pay his expences by drawing on us in this Country, we gave him the liberty to draw on you for the account from two hundred, to two hundred & fifty pounds, but not to use this liberty if he could possibly avoid it, we do not think it probable he will be under the necessity of so doing, but should he be, we will esteem it a particular favour if you will honour his bills, should any be presented, and advise us, and we will immediately reimburse you, we were sensible it was taking an undue liberty with you, but trusted you would have the goodness then to favour us. —

With much esteem

Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co

Joseph Briggs New Bedford 3 Mo 28. 1823

We took the liberty the 30th of the 1st Mo. last to enclose thee a letter to hand to Doct. Southend. in which letter we stated to him that unless he called and settled our demand against the estate of Libny Rogers on or before the 17th of the 2d Month. we should put the demand in the hands of Wm Warren. Lawyer for collection but finding after we had sent the letter that thou hadst not returned from Boston and fearing he might not get our notice we did not keep the demand sued as we wished he should be timely informed of our intention. We have therefore to request thou will do us the favour to show him this and inform him that unless he comes and settles before the 17th of this Month we shall certainly put it into the hands of the above named person. and he must settle with them. We shall feel particularly obliged if thou will write us what he says and who are his securities

Thy friends
Signed William R Rotch Jr

William Baker New Bedford 3 Mo 10. 1823

We have this day sent thy Note to our friend Caleb Hathaway with a request for him to call on thee and see if thou art willing to pay it here. which we hope it thou will be convenient for thee to do. as we are much in want of Money. Should thou not be able to pay the whole please pay what thou canst and renew the Note for the balance. but we trust thou art now able to cancel the Note & Interest — Respectfully thy friends
Signed William R Rotch Jr

Caleb Hathaway New Bedford 3 Mo. 10. 1823

We inclose a Note of Wm Baker's to us dated 7 Mo 12. 1819 for $721 28/100 with Interest from date, on which there are three endorsements but the date they were paid we do not know exactly but presume he has an acct of them we wish thy favour if thee to call on him and endeavour to get him to pay us the balance. but if he cannot do it let him pay what he can, and take a new Note for the balance, charging him compound Interest, we wish thee to retain the new Note. that when he is in cash he can take it up. We have informed him that we have sent thee the Note for collection. thy attention herein will particularly oblige us. —

Our friend Thos Rotch wishing to use about one hundred & twenty or thirty dollars while he is in Phila. we shall take the liberty of giving him a draft on thee for such amt. which we hope thou will duly honour. We hope in a few days to hear the result of thy proposals for Wm Russell & Ourselves for supplying the City with Oil and hope they may be successful

Very truly, thy friends
Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co

Joseph Russell Esq New Bedford 3 Mo 25. 1823

Enclosed we send you Portlades Sig. third bill of Exchange dated Lisbon 16 Inst for Five hundred dollars on David Jones Esq of your City favour J P Ketchinson. and by him endorsed to Wm Russell, and from the latter to us. at thirty days sight. which please have accepted and when paid, please the Amount to our Credit

With much esteem we remain
Your friends
Signed William & Caleb Hathaway

Jethro Mitchell
Nantucket

New Bedford 4th 23. 1823

Above we send thee bill of duck due 4 mo 24 with 4 mo. Interest amt $887.40. which we would thank thee to place at either of your banks to the Cr. of J. Ricketson Cash. and forward us a rect. for the amt. — Thy attention hereto will particularly oblige us as we are very much in want of money

Thy friends
Wm A Rotch & Co

Hall & Macan

New Bedford 4-26. 1823

We have this mg. rec'd your favr of the 22d Inst annexing your acceptment & your draft on A Rodman for the balance $487.42/100 —
We request to say that on the 19th Inst we drew on you for J Ricketson Cash for the same and — we shall have the draft collected & you can withdraw on us for the same or we can place the draft in N York as you may direct

Yours &c
Signed Wm A Rotch & Co

Jacob Isham
New London

4 Mo 13. 1823

We last evening received a letter from Thos Simpson of Oporto dated 22d March 1823 — in which he states he has never rec'd the amt we pd Gow for Churchill in the 8 Month 1820 — and requests us to endeavour to get the money back from Churchill, and remit him — On recurrence to thy 6th letter under date of 1st Augt 1822 we find that Churchill is not living — We have to request that thou will have the goodness to make some enquiries whether there would be any probability of obtaining the amount from his estate — should his friends be disposed to pay us the money & would consider Simpsons letter to us as sufficient authority to receive it, we will forward

We have now some funds in Lisbon by which means we could remit him the amount — Thy attention hereto we should feel much obliged

Thy friends Wm R. Roth & Co

New York May 21. 1823

H J Meck & Co (Hamburgh)

This will be handed you by Capt Obed Cathcart of our Ship Sophia, whom we have despatched for your port, and we have to request you will give him all the needful assistance he may want. We enclose Invoice & Bill Lading of one hhd. and Bags Rio de Janeiro Coffee, on account &c. which you will dispose of & the proceeds together with that of the &c after deducting the disbursements of the Ship, you will please remit to our friends Thomas Dickason & Co London, and advise us at New Bedford (Mass) when done, when also send us the Sales of the Coffee & the Ships a/c/t. — We trust you will do every thing to further our interest in advising Capt Cathcart what course to pursue with the Ship, whether to return to this country direct, with what freight he may be able to obtain, or to charter his Ship to perform some voyage from Hamburgh & return them again —

Should there be any vessels wanted for this object, we think he would stand a very fair chance, as she is copper'd & in fine order, as well as being a fast Sailer. Should she return to this country & you should be able to purchase some Swedish Iron, to cost not exceeding £12. per ton. we wish you to purchase from thirty to forty tons of 3/8 Inch wide & full 1/2 inch thick & from that size up to 3 Inches wide & ship on our own account. We never have had the pleasure of transacting any business with your house, but hope this introduction may prove mutually beneficial & that the state of your Market for Whale bil, will induce us this year to give it a preference

in our shipments to the North of Europe
We commend to your notice Richd C Plumm a young
man who goes out a passenger in the Ship & will
continue in her during the voyage. any advice
or attention he may need. we shall be obliged
by your conferring it on him. With sentiments of esteem
We remain your friends
Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

Thomas Dickason & Co New York 5 Mo 25. 1823

The object of this is to inform
you that the Ship Sophia Capt Cathcart in which
we are interested is about sailing from this port
for Hamburgh with a fr. and we shall instruct
our friends H. I. Muck & Co to remit the proceeds together
with that of one hundred bags of Coffee which is on board
on owners a/c, to your house for our a/c which please
receive and advise us thereof at New Bedford Mass.
With much esteem we remain
Your friends
Signed William R Rotch & Co

Capt Obed Cathcart 5 Mo 21. 1823

The Ship Sophia which you have
the command being now nearly ready to sail for Hamburgh
we have to remark that we trust every endeavour will
be used to make a short passage. as it is of great
importance to get her name up as a fast sailer which
no doubt is her due. On thy arrival at Hamburgh
apply immediately to our friends H I Muck & Co and
deliver them our letter, and the other that thou may
have. — We wish thee to consult with Muck & Co as to
the future employment of the Ship. and should any
business offer better than to return direct to this
country. we wish thee to embrace it, leaving thee
however to thy own good judgment, as aided by the

advice of our friends, what course to pursue with the
Ship In case thou should not return to this country
it would be well to purchase from thirty to forty tons
or less of Swedish Iron, if it can be laid in at about
£ 12 ₰ Ton. the Iron of 3/4 Inch wide and full 1/2 Inch
thick would be preferred, and from that Iron up to
3 inch wide for our own use & consign it to Jn W Russell
should not thou come to this port, but if any other, consign
it to order. The proceeds of it as well as that of the
Coffee, after paying all thy expenses (and for the Iron
should not thou purchased any) we have directed to
be remitted to our friends in London. Thos Dickason &
and should Richard wish the proceeds of the 20 Bags
Sugar to be inclosed in the remittance please request
our friends to do it. Be particular to get the certif-
icates of the landing of the Coffee & Sugar and forward
to J W Russell, also a duplicate to bring with thee,
or should not thou not return direct it to be forwarded
by another conveyance. We wish thou write us or
Joseph Rotch on thy arrival at Hamburgh and
also write when thou hast decided what course
to pursue with the Ship that we may effect
Insurance. Wishing thee a pleasant and prosper-
ous voyage. We remain thy friends

Wm & Rotch & Sons
Joseph Rotch

Thomas [redacted] 7 Mo 15. 1823

Thomas Dixon / Boston

Thy favour of the 9th Inst has been received, and the contents duly noticed. — We have not been concerned in any shipments of Whale Oil this season, and as we have none of our own on hand at present being concerned in any purchase but should feel ourselves happy if we could be of any service to Thee or Thy house in purchasing a Cargo. at present there is but very little in the Market, from 12 to 15 hundred barrels perhaps might be bought for twenty six cents. Cash, and we do not think under —

There has been but one shipment of Oil to Amsterdam this year, and that was in the Third Month / March /. and one for Rotterdam Most of the Oil that has been shipped this Season year from this place has been to Bremen — should at any time wish us to purchase the above quantity of Oil for Thee, we will with pleasure attend to it With Much esteem

P.S. Since writing the above we learn that the Brig Glide sailed yesterday Morning with 2000 bbls. of Whale Oil for Amsterdam — We remain Thy friends Signed Wm R Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 8 Mo 21. 1823

Wm R Rotch on leaving town a few days since, requested to have about $1500 remitted you for his use, and we herewith enclose you the following drafts which please collect for that purpose viz

Thomas Rotch's draft pay. Joseph Rotch or you at sight for . . . $761.91
J. Richeson cash. check on N. E. Bank from W. R Rotch & Co — 450. —
One draft on Elisha Hathaway in your favour at sight — 300
amounting to fifteen hundred & eleven 91/100, and should this Dolls 1511.91
fall short the amount due you, he requested us to say he would make up the deficiency soon when he should be in Boston — We enclose Jethro Coffin's draft on

Israel Thorndike for thirty six dollars, which please do us the favour to collect and place to our credit

Yours W. A. Rotch & Co.

Wm B. Swett & Co

Boston

8 Mo 27. 1823

We have rec.d your fav.r of the 25th enclosing Bill lading for the Boy of Specie rec.d by the Minerva. containing $2000 - endorsed over to us, & have had them entered at the Custom house, and placed in Special deposit in the vault of our Bank subject to your order, as request - You will oblige us by paying the Amt of freight & expenses - Twenty 50/100 dollars to our friend J. Bradlee & Co. of your city

Yours W. R. & Co.

New Bedford 9 Mo 15. 1823

Understanding from W. Judd of New York that you had some idea of purchasing a Ship for the Whale Fishery we are induced to make you the offer of our Ship Minerva as she arrived the 21st last Month from the Pacific Ocean on a Whaling voyage - Said Ship was built at Beaufort in N. Carolina of the best Materials, the live of Red Cedar in the year 1806 - for a packet to run between Charleston and New York, which business she followed for several years. —— She underwent a Thorough repair two years since by the day under our own inspection, was new Coppered and put in complete order, has the reputation of being a very fast sailing vessel, and is in every respect well calculated for the Fishery - She is 239 tons burthen ——

We annex a Statement of the principal articles that would be wanted for a voyage of eighteen Months. She being in excellent order, and most of her craft sufficient for such a voyage, we have no doubt she would be got to sea, fitted in the best Manner, including every expence which

might access (getting from this place) for Four thousand dollars five hundred dollars. Good officers and crew could now be obtained for her, perhaps better than for several years past, as there are a less number of vessels fitting for the fishery and seamen are plenty, next Month would be as good a time for her to sail for the atlantic fishery as she could have. The lowest sum we should be willing to sell for including all her appurtenances, craft belonging to her would be Six thousand Dollars

Altho' she is considerably advanced in years, yet she is very sound and is an excellent vessel, and well worth your attention should you wish a vessel for this object and the price we put her at reasonable. We have concluded to take her out of the fishery, as we are more deeply concerned in the business than is at present agreable, and should prefer selling her with every thing belonging to her than employing her in any other business. The following are the principal articles that would be wanted for her to perform an 18 Months a whaling in the atlantic Ocean and their probably Cost

Sundries light Copper to mend round the bow, and the bends when it is worn off, the rest of her Copper being good, including expense putting it on $400.-

Caulkers bill say $60. Carpenter $50. . . . . 110.-

Boat Builders bill for one new boat & repairs article in that line (having two good boats on hand) 60.-

Blacksmiths bill for Whale Irons & other articles . . . 100.-

New Sails, that would be wanted & the Sail Makers bill (her sails being in good order) 250.-

25 bbls of Beef $225 - 22 do of pork $225 . . . . . 450.-

30 do of flour to bake & baking $225 - 20 do to put on board $120 . 345.-

$1715.-

Amo brot up $1715.-

400 bbls New Casks ..... @ $1.33 ..... $533.

900 do good 2d hand do ..... @ 67/100 ..... 600 ..... 1133.-

1500 fathom Tow Line $175.-

One New Cutting Jaw and pair of

back stays & other rigging ..... 325. ..... 500.-

3 Dry Suits $75. Dry Work $35. ..... 110.-

12 Cords of Wood $50. Block Maker $20. ..... 70.-

Iron Cooler $15 Cars $20. Paint & Nail $50 ..... 85.-

Candles & Oil $10. Tar $10 Fish & potatoes $20 ..... 40.-

300 Gall's Molasses $100. do do W. I. Rum $25. ..... 125.-

do do Vinegar $15. Rice. Beans. Peas & Corn $75. 90

Sundry Groceries 100.-

$3968.-

We would thank you to give us an answer hereto, as early as you conveniently can, as we shall not make any arrangements to employ the Ship until we hear from you. If you should conclude to purchase her and fit her we will render you agent any advice or assistance he may need.

With much respect We remain

To The President Directors & Co of the Commercial Bank of New Jersey. Sign'd W. R. Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee Esq. Nov 1. 1823

Enclosed we hand you a set of Exchange for £1000 St. at 30 days sight endorsed by Joseph Rotch, on Thos Dickason Esq London, which we wish you to sell & place the proceeds to our credit, we hope you will be able to get 7 pct advance for it

After the sale of the exchange we wish you to place to the credit of Jos Rotch $750, also take up his prem.m Note at the N. E. Mu. Ins. Co on the Ship Archimides for $141, and charge the amo to our ac. We shall draw on you on the 6th inst at 5 days sight for $500 which we trust you will duly honour

Your friends

W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell — New Bedford 10mo 4 1823

We are desirous of making employment for our ship Minerva, and the object of this is to request you will inform us, if you could get some one in New York to load one half of her on a charter out & home, & we will load the remainder on our own acc^t — She is a small ship burthen about 300 bbls of flour, has the reputation of being a very fast sailer, she underwent a thorough repair two years since, was new copper'd & she draws but 11½ feet of water when loaded

We have thought a voyage might be made up for her to some part of South America, and as she draws so small a draft of water, to go up the Rio Grande for a return cargo of Hides & Horn tips — But we should not be very particular as to the voyage, provided there was a prospect of her being profitably employed

J. Coggeshall owns One half the ship, but declines loading his part, and would prefer her being chartered She could be got ready to leave here in two weeks

We shall feel much pleased at your immediate attention hereto, and informing us your ideas of the most advantageous employment for the Ship — Please send us by the first packet 120 sheets 20 oz sheathing Copper

Your Friends
W. R. Rotch & Co

L. Bush & Richmond — 10 mo 10. 1823

We this day received from Capt Thrasher Six tons Iron Hoops, which he says you ordered him to deliver us The object of this is to request you will inform us what you wish done with them — We cannot think they are intended for our account, as that is about balanced & we have not ordered any — We are not using any ourselves now, and they are very little wanted, if you wish us to sell them for you please mention the price, and we will use our endeavours to dispose of them

Yours &c
Wm R. Rotch & Co.

Fish & Grinnell New Bedford 10mo 11. 1823

Annexed we send you our W & R Roteh's draft on Henry Grinnell for One thousand dollars at 5 days sight, which please collect & place to our credit

Your friends
Wm R. Roteh & Co

Fish & Grinnell 10mo 21. 1823

Please send us by the Expect for should she have left, by the first opportunity

200 sheets 18oz Sheathing Copper
150 do 20 oz do
90 do 24 oz do

We find on heaving the Minerva out that we shall be under the necessity of coppering her anew entirely

Yours
W R. Roteh & Co

Henry Grinnell 10m. 27. 1823

We wish thou wouldst send us by the first opportunity a chain cable with all the appertenances belonging to it except the clamps for the windlass for our ship Minerva - Ninety fathoms long and 1 Inch in diameter
We should prefer having the usual credit allowed on it

We are &
W & R Roteh & Co

Capt George Hitch 10 mo 27. 1823

We shall be much obliged if thou will do us the favr to purchase & bring round with thee a new long Boat of 15½ or 16 feet on the keel, stem pretty upright - Should thou wish the money to pay for it now, please call on J Bradlee & Co & request them to furnish thee the Amt. & charge our a/c, shewing them this letter - or we will pay the on thy return -
The Boat is wanted for the Minerva, & we shall need it soon - In case thou couldst not bring it round with thee this time please inform us by mail - Thy friends W R & Co

Cocke Bush & Richmond Fall River 10mo 31. 1823

We will take eight thousand yards of the 3/4 yd wide and one thousand yards of the yard wide unbleached cotton goods - the balance of Norton note & Interest you may send us in cut nails of assorted sizes from 12d down to 3d - We would remark that the prices affixed to your nails are 1/2 cent ℔ more than Larned asks, but presume you will do that which is right about it -

The ship will be ready for sea the last of next week, & we should be glad to have the articles as soon as you can conveniently get them to us

We are &c
W R Rotch & Co

~~J. Bowles & Co~~ Elisha Hathaway 11 Mo 5. 1823

We wish for about 150 Quintals of Codfish suitable for the S. A. market - Labrador or Straits small fish not salted long in benches we believe are best If capt Hitch can take them on board this time stowed together in a body, we wish you to procure us that quantity & send us by him, otherwise we should not want them - unless some other vessel coming here about the same time would bring them - We should be particularly obliged by your attention hereto and informing us by mail whether we should have them

Yours &c
Wm R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell 11 Mo 6. 1823

We wish thee to send us a caboose for our ship Minerva - No 5 - Henry Faber bought one for the Brig America of the size we wish of G Gould for $45 please take a look at that we shall want it by the middle of next week, perhaps there may be some sloop from the N. River bound here that can take it, please make some enquires, we shall send the by the Experiment some

old Copper

Elisha Hathaway 11 mo 6 1823

We have concluded to add one hundred quintals more of fish to the quantity we wished thee to purchase for us yesterday. if to be had — and they can come to us by the Bedford or as soon. — Respectfully

Fish & Grinnell 11 mo 12. 1823

We intend sending our Ship Minerva to a southern port to take on board from 10 to 1200 bbls flour on ap of ourselves & Jos Rotch — We wish to place in your hands a sufficient Amt for this purpose say from 6 to 7000 Dollars which we shall instruct the master Jam Lumbard to value on you for — his bills for the above Amo. we shall be much obliged by your duly honouring — His signature we subjoin The ship will leave here in about a week — Please mention the rate of Exchange on London we have a bill for £240 on London we wish sold. —

We are &c
Wm R. Rotch & Co

David Anthony 11 mo 13th 1823

On recurring to thy sales for our Acct we find there is now due undrawn for, more than a thousand dollars after deducting the bad debts. It is a serious inconvenience to us to be under the necessity of waiting so long for our money after it becomes due — and that to without receiving any interest — We are now very much in want of some money, and wish thou wouldst attend to making collections, that we may be able to draw on thee for the above Amount. —

Respectfully &c —

Fish & Grinnell

New Bedford 11mo 28. 1823

We duly received your favour authorizing Capt Lumbard to draw on you for our account for the purchase of about 1100 barrels flour to complete the cargo of the Ship Minerva - She sailed yesterday for Richmond

Enclosed we send you our bill on Thos Dickason & Co London at 30 days sight favour Jos Rotch for £240 Stg which please sell and place the proceeds to our Credit We also enclose B. Aymar & Co note dated 15 Nov 1823 at 4 Months for $1346 40/100 in favour John Wood Jr and endorsed by Jos. Rotch, which we wish you to have discounted in time to meet Capt Lumbards drafts - Should you not be able to cash this note please inform us, & we will remit you the money, but if you can we should like to forward another to make up the balance - The amo we now forward with what we have already in your hands will make about $5700 - The deficiency will be forwarded in time so that you may not be much in advance - Say balance now due us $1850

Remitted You by Wharton Phila to much	800
Bill on London £1100 Due us 1mo 10. 1824 for £ Sterl $700	1800
B. Aymar & Co note Say	1300
Dolls	5750

We remain Your Friends
W. R. Rotch & Co

Capt John Akin

12mo 13. 1823

The object of this is to give thee liberty to draw on Fish & Grinnell New York on our a/c for the purchase of a cargo of corn at Norfolk, say to the amo of from ten to twelve hundred dollars at 5 days sight -

We shall request Fish & Grinnell to honour thy drafts for that amount -

We are &
W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell

New Bedford 12mo 13. 1823

We have rec^{d} yours & the Ann of the 5th & 8th inst and notice the contents — We herewith enclose you B. Aymar & Co Note at 4 Mo. from Dec^{r} 6. in fav. of Jo^{s} Rotch for $1533 $\frac{60}{100}$ which we wish you to have cashed, & the proceeds placed to our Cr. when done, please advise us the amount & also that of the Note sent you in a former letter

We are again under the necessity of troubling you to accept John Akins' drafts to the amo. of from 10 to 1200 dollars for the purchase of a cargo of Corn at Norfolk for the Sloop Pomona — his drafts for that amo. we shall be much obliged by your duly honouring, & place the same to our a/c

We are yours &c

Signed W. & J. Rotch & Co

Capt Sam^{l} Lumbard

New Bedford 12mo 24. 1823

The ship Minerva being now ready for sea under thy command, we have to suggest to thee our ideas and wishes respecting the intended voyage — We wish thee to proceed direct for Richmond with what cargo thou hast on board of which we enclose an Invoice, there to fill the ship with Flour, some bread & kegs of crackers, for the payment of which thou will draw on our friends Fish & Grinnell New York at 5 days sight, who will duly honour thy drafts, as thou will purchase for cash, be particular to see that the cargo there bought is paid for, so that there be no future settlement to make, before leaving Richmond make up thy accounts & forward us a copy of the Invoice of articles purchased there, with a statement of the expenses of the ship, and the amo. of thy drafts on Fish & Grinnell. — As the season of the year is far advanced all the expedition thou canst make will be necessary to get to sea as soon as possible. we would recommend thy employing Lewis Ludlam to transact thy business at Richmond — After completing thy cargo, we wish thee to proceed for Pernambuco for a market, there thou will stop off the harbour & learn the prices

at that port & whether it will be most to the interest of the voyage, to sell there or proceed farther South - in which thou will be governed by the information there obtained of the state of the other markets, we would recommend thy consulting the house of Ray & Bryan, on whose opinions thou canst place reliance, but much will be left for thy own good judgement, which we leave thee free to exercise - perhaps it might answer to sell a part there & proceed to another port for the disposal of the remainder - Shouldst thou sell thy Cargo at Pernambuco or Bahia, we wish thee to proceed, invested in new gold (old will not answer) Brazil White Sugars of the best quality, should the price warrant it & proceed with thy Cargo for the Mediterranean, stopping at Gibraltar & there learn the most eligible market, which we now think would be Trieste, & shouldst thou dispose of thy cargo at that port the house of P & L. Fenwick we recommend thee to, who will give thee the needful advice & assistance - also what articles to lay in for a return cargo to the U. S. - But shouldst thou not sell at either of the above places, we leave thee at liberty to go to any port thou mayst think most advantageous for the disposal of the Cargo - If at Rio de Janeiro, the house of Sam[l] Phillips & Co have been well recommended to us - at Montevideo - Stewart M[c]Call & Co - and at Buenos Ayres - J. C. Zimmerman - Invest the proceeds in articles that will be most likely to pay a profit in this Country & return direct to New York. - But we hope thou will be able to dispose of thy Cargo where Sugar can be obtained & proceed for Trieste, with a Cargo of that article, as we believe it will pay us a fair advance - Should thy funds not be sufficient to load thee, perhaps some freight could be procured, which of course thou will avail thyself of, when offered for the port thou mayst be bound - We wish thee to write us every opportunity & shouldst thou go to Trieste stop at Gibraltar & forward us letters from there, & call on Hill & Blodget for letters from

M. H. Grinnell to whom we have written at that place & as he will probably be at Trieste a little time before thee, we have requested him to give thee all the information he may possess — Thy return cargo the Ms. I know will take to N. York & consign it to Fish & Grinnell to whom we shall forward our instructions — We enclose some letters which contain the latest information we have of the markets in S. America — & two letters of introduction from our friends L. L. & M. Hathaway, which thou canst use if necessary. — As great changes may take place in the diffs. markets in South America it would be impolitic for us to point out the particular ports for thee to dispose of thy cargo — Therefore we leave thee freely to exercise thy own judgement, not doubting but what every thing in thy power will be done for the prosperity of the voyage. And as our sole object is to make money, we leave thee entirely at liberty to go wherever thou mayest think that object will be obtained — to the Pacific Ocean or any where else. — The ship & cargo will be insured on a monthly policy, with liberty to go any where & every where — We shall effect Ins.ce to the amo. of $ 10,000 on the cargo — One fifth of which will be for thy account

Thy interest in the cargo being One fifth we shall charge thee at the rate of two dollars $ bbl with 5 $ct primage & an additional freight of twenty five cents $ bbl for each port used after the first in South America & shouldst thou go to the Mediterranean twenty five cents more $ bbl — and the customary freight at thy port of discharge in the Mediterranean for the return cargo to the United States, but shouldst thou return direct to the United State no freight will be charged on the return cargo — For thy services on this voyage we shall allow thee as $ agreement 2½ $ct Com.n on amo. of thy outward cargo — 1 $ct on nett sales thereof 1 $ct on investment — To defray passage money 5 $ct primage on estimated freight and $ 30 $ Month for wages — And

shouldst thou go to the Mediterranean 1 pct on nett sales & 1 pct on investment there on the return cargo but no Com.n on sale of the cargo in the United States, whatever return Com.ns thou canst obtain from the merchants that transact thy business will be for the benefit of the concerned in the cargo. —

If any thing further occurs in time to communicate to thee at Richmond we shall do it — Wishing thee a pleasant & prosperous voyage We remain thy friends

Signed William R. Rotch & Co

Lewis Ludlam New Bedford 11 Mo 25. 1823

Richmond

This will be handed thee by Capt Jam.s Lumbard of our ship Minerva who is bound for your port to procure the remainder of his cargo — Should he apply to thee for assistance in purchasing it we should be obliged by thy rendering him the needful — We have authorised him to draw on our friends Fish & Grinnell N. York, for the above purpose, who will duly honour his drafts

Thy friends

Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell 4 Mo 17. 1824

We would thank thee to purchase and send us by the first packet a chain cable 80 fathoms One Inch with the necessary appurtenances belonging to the Cable, with a hawse box & a box for the chain to pass thro the deck into the hold — The Nipper & pipe we do not want also send us two Cases sheathing copper 1 box 18 oz The other We should be glad to have the above purchased on a credit — We have Or ship Eliza 4 Mo 12 with $46 82/100 an.s draft on J C Hasken

Thine

Wm R Rotch Jr

James Hale
Pres' N.E.M. Ins Co

New Bedford 4m 30. 1824

Enclosed we send you one ~~prem~~ note for the prem on $1500 ins[d] on cargo of Sch[r] Rotch for L. Toby The officers & crew of our whalemen draw a certain ~~the~~ portion from the cargo procured which is the compensation for their services The Wm Rotch had on board at the time the risk commences a suff[t] quantity of oil to entitle Capt Toby to have that amt insured We notice thy remarks respect our two prem[s] notes & if perfectly agreeable to you, we should be glad to have them remain on Int[t] till the close of the year, if it is not please inform us and we will take them up when due

We are &c
Wm R Rotch & Co

Elisha Hathaway

5 Mo 8[r] 1824[r]

The object of this is to request thee will inform us what amt thee shouldst be willing to advance us on account of sales effected for our account, the sales rendered are not due untily the middle of next month, & there are some sales not rendered of which a considerable part has been disposed of as we are informed by N.J. Rapelje. We wish to place in New York in the Course of next week all the funds that we can raise, & we should feel ourselves much obliged if thee couldst forward us a dft on New York for such amt as thee art willing to advance us at 5[ds] sight or under or if it would be more to thy wishes for us to draw on thee at 60 days, we could get such a draft discounted here, please do us the favour to write us by return mail —

We are &c —
Sign[d] Wm R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford 5 mo 8. 1824

Fish & Grinnell

We contemplate sending our Bark Elizabeth Capt. Ebr Clark to Baltimore to take in a Cargo of Flour for South America & we have to ask of you the favr to allow us to place funds in your hands for this purpose, say to the Amt. of $12000 —

We shall commence making you remittances for this object early next week, & will have you in funds in time to meet Capt Clarks or our correspondents drafts. your attention to acknowledge the recipt of this will much oblige us — With esteem we remain

Sigd William R Rotch & Co —

New Bedford 5 mo 11. 1824

Josiah Bradlee & Co.

Please send us by the Pomona fifteen pieces first quality Russia duck, five pieces of an inferior quality ditto, & one Bale Ravens duck, of the qualities which you sent J. Howland & Co. of whom we have borrowed some of each of the above kinds, & wish to replace them with as good — Should you wish any duck sold here, & will send us some for that purpose we should be pleased to do it —

Respectfully &c —

Fish & Grinnell New Bedford 5 mo 11. 1824

We wrote you on the 8. Inst. informing you of our wish to place about $12,000 in your hands for the purpose of purchasing a Cargo for the Elizabeth at Baltimore & we now send you J. Ricketson Cashr. draft on you at five days sight of this date for four thousand dollars, also a United States Bank Note for one thousand dollars, which Amts. please place to our Credit. — The Elizabeth will not leave till some time next week — Respectfully &c —

Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co.

The above is a true Copy of a letter to Fish & Grinnell & the said letter was put into the post Office at New Bedford by me — R.C. Plummer

New Bedford 5 Mo. 17. 1824

James Hall Esq.

Will thou please do us the favour to refer to the copy of our policy on the Cargo of Ship Minerva No. 965 & inform us whether the clause giving "permission to proceed to any other ports the Captain may think necessary for the interest of the voyage" would allow the vessell to go Round Cape Horn to ports on the West Coast of South America, after particularly mentioning the east coast in another clause Some doubt has arisen in our minds, whether you considered we had this privilege, altho' at the time the vessel sailed we instructed our Captain, in case he considered for our interest to proceed round the cape, or any where else & that we should have insurance effected that would give him every liberty; in our letter requesting insurance we mentioned the probable route the Ship would take but at the same time did not wish to bind ourselves to any particular ports. The policy rec'd at the office in this place for some insurance effected on the same cargo, prior to yours, was worded as follows "at & from New Bedford to, at & from all & every port or place she may go to, or touch at during the term of 12 months" & at the same rate of premium charged by you, If you consider going round Cape Horn a deviation of the policy, & should charge us an additional prem.m please state to us the Amt. — It was a great oversight in us at the time we sent the prem.m Note in not discovering that there was a cause of doubt that the insurance might be broken in any event & we should not have discovered it at this time had we not had occasion to refer to the policy to shew Capt Clark of our Bark Ship Elisabeth, whom we intend dispatching in a few days to the southward to load for a similar voyage. We wish to know what prem.m you should charge on the Elisa.th for 12 Mo.th warranting six mo.s with liberty to stop the Insurance at any time after that allowing the Bark to go to whatever port we might wish. — yours &c.

[Sign.] W.R Roach & Co.

New Bedford 5 mo. 20th. 1824

John W. Russell

W. J. Rusell has informed us that he has requested thee to place to our credit on the 28th of next month Two hundred eighty four 70/100 dollars, being the amt. more than his proportion of the remittance from G. C. Rusell & Co, this amt. with what was remitted for our acct. will make nearly seven hundred & fifty dolls. The object of our writing is to enquire whether thou art willing & can make it convenient to pay Fish & Grinnell Seven hundred & fifty dollars for our account on rect. of this or should it be more convenient to thee will draw on thee from here at 60 days — We have some funds to place in their hands & should be glad to avail ourselves of an advance from thee if agreable Please inform us. —

Respectfully &c —

Sig.d W. R. Rotch & Co.

J. Chapman
Cash.r Boston Bank

New Bedford 5 mo 24th. 1824

Annexed we send thee J. Ricketson Cash.r Check on N. England Bank for Two hundred eighty one dollars Amt. of our note to the Boston Marine Insur Co. for prem.m on our Bark Ship Elizabeth — It has always been the custom on risks similar to this to pay the prem.m in 60 days after the arrival of the vessel, at which time we should have calculated to have pd. the note, without a notification. —

Please return us the note and mention to the President of the Insurance Co. the reason of our not having attended to it before —

Respectfully &c —

Sig.d W. R. Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 5 mo 24: 1824

Capt. Ebenezer Clark

Esteemed Friend

The Bark Elizabeth being now ready for sea under thy charge, we have to make a few remarks respecting our ideas of the intended voyage — Thou wilt proceed to Baltimore for the purpose of purchasing a cargo of flour, the quality of which, we wish thee to be particular in selecting, that it be of the best kind from Howard Street inspection, we leave it with thee what house to select to transact thy business, having no preference ourselves — For funds for the purchase of thy cargo, we enclose thee J. Richeson Cash^r. draft at 5 days sight for $4000, and $2000 on Fish & Grinnell New York, & for the remainder thou canst draw on Fish & Grinnell for our ℔ at 5 days sight & thy drafts will be duly honored, perhaps it would be as well that two three hundred barrels of Bread make a part of the cargo, as we should prefer thy not exceeding $12,000 in thy ~~investments~~ & disbursments at Baltimore

Before sailing from Baltimore please forward us an Invoice & bill lading of the cargo with an account of thy disbursments — Thou wilt then proceed for Pernambuco where we would recommend thy calling for advice respecting the markets, thy stopping there will be attended with trifling expense, & thou canst obtain information of the state of the markets at the other ports, & round the Cape, & perhaps it might be best to see there could a fair price be obtained for thy cargo, & the markets farther along not looking much better, as it is generally best to content one self with the certainty of a fair profit, to running the hazard of a greater — but this we leave entirely to thy own good judgement — the house of Ray & Bryan we believe to be the best at Pernambuco should'st thou proceed to Rio we would observe the house of Sam^l Phillips & Co. transacted Capt. Lumbards business, but more F. Grinnell informs us the house of Birkhead — were employed by him & that he was much pleased with them, we only mention these houses always leaving it thy own discretion what persons to select to transact thy business —

Should'st thou dispose of the cargo at Rio or Pernambuco, over

thou wilt invest the proceeds in sugars suitable for the North of Europe markets, and should thou be under the necessity of going farther south say Montevideo or Buenos Ayres, to receive thy cargo, & should not be able to lay in a cargo of hides there to so good advantage as sugars at Rio it may best to return to Rio with specie & purchase sugars, all this however we leave to thy own judgement, as thou will be better able to decide when in S. America, what course to pursue will be most to the advantage of the voyage.—

On arriving at Pernambuco & should the prospect of obtaining a better price round the Cape at Lima or Valparaiso present & there has not been too much flour shipped there, we would advise thee to make the best of thy way for those ports, but as it respects pursuing this course we say as we have before observed that we leave the management & conducting the voyage to thy own free judgement, resting satisfied that whatever thou dost undertake, will be in thy opinion for the interest of the voyage, as thou art one half interested in the cargo & can better judge from information obtained from time to time, what will be most for the interest of the voyage.—

We will again observe that we leave thee entirely at liberty in the conducting the voyage, whether to take a cargo of sugars or hides for this country or for Europe & return with them or to go into the Pacific Ocean.—For thy services we shall calculate to allow the 5 pct. commision on the nett sales of the cargo either in Europe or this country—one half the nett passage money & thirty dollars pr. month wages.—

Respectfully &c.—

Signed. W R Roach & Co.

New Bedford 5 mo 28. 1824

Fish & Grinnell

We wish you to purchase & send us by the return of the Experiment eight hundred twenty five sheets of best English sheathing copper of the following weight viz 80 sheets 30 oz.

200 " 28
150 " 26
175 " 24
220 " 22

825 sheets

also a chain cable - size 1 1/8 inch - 90 fathoms long with the usual apparatus belonging to it except the wheels for the windlass which we do not want, these articles are for the Ship Barclay - It would suit our convenience could they be purchased on a credit of six months. - Please quote to us the Price of best Prime Pork for 50 barrels pr barrel also for 100 bbl. superfine & 50 bbl. fine flour. -

Respectfully &c -

P. S. We have rec.d letters from Capt Lumbard in our Minerva informing us that he should probably ship us by the Resident of Fair haven some sugars & that she was coming either to New York or this port, should she arrive in New York & have any cargo for our acct. you will please do us the favr. to receive it & dispose of it for our Acct. Capt Lumbard wrote us that he should leave Rio. about the first of April for Lima -

Respectfully &c

Signed W. R. Rotch & Co -

New Bedford 5 mo 28. 18

Crocker Richmond & Ellis

The demand for hoops is now considerable, we have not felt ourselves at liberty to dispose of yours at the price asked by S. Rufell & Sons without consulting you, say $105 ₱ ton 6 month Credit — or delivered at their works in Wareham $100 ₱ ton 6 mos credit should you be inclined to sell you for $105 we think we can effect a sale for them soon.

Respectfully &c —

Fish & Grinnell — New Bedford 6 mo 1. 1824

Resp. Friends

Above you have Wm Rotch's draft on yourselves at 5 days sight for one thousand dollars, which please place to our credit, this sum with what we have before remitted you will probably be as much as Capt Clark will draw on you for, as part of the funds for his cargo we have arranged in a different way — We have debited you with Two hundred dollars from Caleb Rathaway. —

Respectfully &c —

Capt. Elbr Clark — New Bedford 6 mo 1. 1824

Baltimore

In our letter of instructions to thee before leaving here, we neglected to give thee liberty to sell our one half of the Elizabeth should an opportunity present — We have now to observe that should thee have an offer for the Bark at any time during the voyage, that thee should think would be better than to bring her home, taking into view getting thy funds home, we give our full assent to thy selling her, & shall be fully satisfied with whatever sum thou shouldst think it would be to the advantage of the owners to sell her for. —

We wish thee to charge Randall for the amount

of W. H. Allens bill which he left unpaid $21.06 also
a bill of Articles from Elisha Dunbar of . . . 4.112 $25.08
S. Hood & Sons bill against Peeden, for which he gave them
an order on us for, they left behind Amt. $ 22 92/100 which
please charge him with. — My wife leaves in the
course of the week for Providence, we have furnished
her with what money she desired — We hope
by this time those last arrived at Baltimore, we
wish that to inform us the price of Flour & the prospect
of the time those will probably be detained there —
With much esteem we remain Yrs friends W R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 6th mo 5. 1824

Silas & Lewis Howell
Sag Harbour

Enclosed we send you Capt Jayna
draft on you for forty nine dollars for supplies furnished
the Ship Marcus by Capt Tobey — you will oblige us by
forwarding us the Amt. or should an opportunity present to
send it to New York to our friends Fish & Grinnell —
(Signed) W R Rotch & Co.

J. Bradlee Jr

6mo 18. 1824

By the Pomona to sail tomorrow we
send you 830 Rio Grande Dry Hides — these form a part
of a shipment we intended to have made of 903 hides
weighing & Invoice 18944 lb. also a part of 180 hides which
T. S. & N. Hathaway have weigh. 5392 lb which they will
send with the balance of ours & the Pomona next
trip — Capt Akin could not take the whole this time
The two parcels were so mixed that we
could not well divide them, and we have concluded
to have them sold together & arrange the diff. of value
here — We leave it to your judgement whether to sell
the first parcel on the wharf, or to store them until
you receive the others, which are considerably larger
and fairer, when you have effected sales of
the whole, you can forward us the a/c. and we

will then direct how to place the proceeds
Please send us by the return of the Pomona
20 pieces 1st qu. Russia duck
5 do 2d do ——— do
10 do Half duck
10 do Ravens do
similar to that sent us some time since
Yrs &c
Wm R Robb & Co

James Hall Esqr. New Bedford 6. Mo 21. 1824
Pres. N. E. Marine Ins Co.

We wish to have five thousand dollars insured on the Cargo of Bark Ship Elizabeth, one half for Jr of Ebr Clark, & one half for ourselves. the Policy to be filled as follows "at & from Baltimore to at & from all & every port or place the said vessel may go to, or touch at during the term of twelve calendar months; commencing this insurance on the fifteenth day of June instant, & ending on the 15. day of June next at noon with liberty to stop this policy after six months, paying at the rate of five one fourths pcent for twelve months for as many months as may have been commenced". — Warranting half the premium in case of loss within six months & the whole prem.m in case of loss after six months —

The above is the form in which we have had filled a policy on said cargo at the Ins. office in this place for a similar amount this day. — Should you be disposed to take the risk on the same terms, you will please send us a policy, — We annex a draft on Josiah Bradlee & Co. for Thirty one dollars. Amo. of our prem.m note for Insurance effected for Capt. Tobey on Ship Wm Robb. — Capt. Clark writes us from Baltimore the 14. Inst. that he was then ready for sea & should sail next day for Rio de Janeiro, where should he dispose of his cargo of flour he will probably take in a cargo of sugars for this country or Europe. or should

he must sell at Rio, he might go into the Pacific Ocean —

(Signed) W. R. Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 7 mo 1. 1824

Josiah Bradlee & Co.

Enclosed we hand you a policy of Insurance on the Ship Minerva, which you will oblige us by taking to the N. England Marine Ins. Co. to have endorsed on it, liberty for said Vessel & Cargo to go into the Pacific Ocean, without any additional charge of prem^m & have it signed by the Pres^t & Sec^ty & return to us when you may have occasion to write us

B Refer the Pres^t of the Ins. Co. to his letter to us the 19^th May 1824 (signed) W. R. & Co.

Respectfully &c.

Josiah Bradlee & Co

7 mo 12. 1824

Enclosed we send you Thomas Rotch's set of exchange on Jeremiah Winslow Esqre for £500 at 60 days sight which please sell and place the proceeds to our C^r and inform us the am^t. the enclosed letter please forward the first opportunity

Your friends

W. R. Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co

7 mo 17. 1824

I have rec^d yours of 15^th with power of atty to collect sundry dividends on Stock in Bedford Com^l Ins Co as per Mem^o at foot amo^g to $896 which I have rec^d and herewith forward you W. R. Rotch & Co draft on you for the same

Signed Jos. R. Anthony

David Jewett	3 shares	Div^d No 1	$8 ₱ share	$24
	"	" No 2	4	12
	"	" No 3	4	12 $48
Robert Hooper	40 "	No 3	4	160
Wm Hooper	40 "	"	"	160
Nath^l Hooper	40 "	"	"	160
John Hooper	50 "	"	"	200
Wm Reed	37 "	"	"	148
John Russell	5 "	"	"	20 = 896 dollars

John Olivera & Co
Madeira

New Bedford Jan 28. 1824

Resp.d Friends

This will be handed you by Capt. Alex.r Coffin of our Ship Barclay, whom we have instructed to stop off your port to procure Seven half pipes of the very first quality Madeira Wine, we have put on board the Ship a quantity of Sperm. Candles to be sold for that purpose. We shall estem it a particular favour if you will give Capt. Coffin a quick dispatch, & render him what aid he may need — We have rec.d the wine you procured for Capt. Clark for our Ac.t in the year 1822 which proves very fine, & we hope you will be able to furnish us now with as good quality, also please be particular to the goodness of the Casks. As this wine is for the use of our particular families, we wish the greatest ~~Care~~ taken in the selection —

With much estem We remain
(signed) W R Rotch & Co —

Alex.r Coffin 2.
Resp.d friend

New Bedford Jan.ry 29.th 1824

The Ship Barclay under thy command being now ready for sea, we have to observe that we wish thee to stop off Madeira & go on shore with thy boat & call on our friends John Olivera & Co, to whom we hand thee a letter, make arrangements with them to get thy candles ashore, & to sell them, with the proceeds we wish purchased Seven half pipes first quality Madeira Wine, in good strong Casks which we wish taken on board to go the voyage with them, please be particular to have them Stowed where they they will not be likely to get stove or injured, & from time to time examine the Casks to see they do not leak. after paying for the wine the balance lay out for refreshments for the Ship, & Specie for the use of the Ship —

Request J. Olivera & Co. to forward us Sales of the Candles & the Cost of the Wine & disbursments. Shouldst thou be fortunate enough to procure any oil & there should be an opportunity to Ship it home either from Madeira, or any of the Western Islands where tha stops for refreshments, please send it either sure New York to Fish & Grinnell or J. Bradlee & Co. Boston

We hand thee two hundred Spanish dollars, these with fifteen Kegs of whale oil & the balance of the procuds of the Candles at Madeira with what thou will be able to save from the Ship we hope will be sufficient to meet the disbursments of the voyage — Shouldst thou think it best to retain a few boxes of Candles, to sell after getting into the Pacific Ocean, we leave thee at liberty to do it — In case of thy not having sufficient funds to refit the Ship are the voyage, thou canst draw on us for the needful, but we hope thou will not be under the necessity of doing it — After leaving Madeira thou will of course make the best of thy way round Cape Horn, the future management of the voyage we leave entirely to thy own good judgement, resting fully satisfied that thou will do every thing in thy power to procure a voyage & to promote our interest in the management of it —

With much esteem
We remain thy friends
(Signed) Wm. R. Rotch & Co.

William Baker New Bedford 8. Mo 5. 1824

We duly rec.d thy favour 20. of last month & have this day collected thy drafts on Wing Rupell & Read & Thornton amounting to $134 46/100 We have also purchased of Wing Rupell the parcel of Linseed Oil thee sent him at 75.¢ ₰ gallon & have given him an order on Caleb Hathaway to have the Amo. $113.75/100 endorsed on thy note, & we have requested C. Hathaway to endorse those Amounts on thy note — the balance being made so small we presume thee will take up the note —

Respectfully thy friends
signed W R Roteh & Co. —

Caleb Hathaway New Bedford 8. Mo 5. 1824

We duly rec.d thy fav.r 20.th last month Annexing William Bakers draft on Wing Rupell & Read & Thornton Amounting to One hundred thirty four 46/100 Dolls. which have this day been paid — We have purchased a lot of Linseed Oil sent here by W. Baker & have given an order for the Amount one hundred thirteen 75/100 Dolls. to be endorsed on his note. The balance now being so small we presume he will take the note up — We feel much obliged for thy attention to this busines & should feel happy if at any time we could be of service to thee —

With much esteem
We remain thy friends
signed W R Roteh & Co —

Josiah Bradlee & Co 9 Mo. 27. 1824

We have to request that when you are in funds for the proceeds of Sales 1083 Hides due 1 Mo 9/12 825 you will place to the C. of Pd St R. Hathaway $874 33/100 being the amt of their interest in said Sales

We are
Wm R Roteh & Co

Henry Grinnell New Bedford 10m. 4. 1824

We wish thee to purchase & send us for our ship Wm Rotch the following articles

50	Sheets	28 oz
150	"	26 oz
100	"	24 oz
100	"	22 oz
300	"	20 "
700	Sheets	

London Sheathing Copper. we wish thee to be particular & get it of the best quality in the market. also one hundred & twenty barrels superfine flour / Richmond City Mills would be preferred / made from new wheat. we wish thee to be very particular in selecting it & see that it is good. that which thee purchased for the Minerva is good flour We wish them sent by the return of the Capt.

We leave it to thy judgement whether it will be to our interest to purchase the Copper and flour on act of this or wait until the Capt. is nearly ready to sail. We wish the Copper purchased on a credit of 6 Months if practicable. for the flour we presume thee will have to pay cash, and should thee wish it we will forward thee the Amt otherwise we should prefer its remaining till the close of the year, when perhaps thee may be in funds for sales on our ac. Please inform us the value old sheathing Copper.

If by deferring purchasing the Copper until another packet thee could obtain it lower, thee may do it

We are &c

Wm Rotch & Co

New Bedford 11th Mo. 16th 1824

Henry Grinnell

Thy favr. of the 13th & the Experiment with the copper & flour for the Wm Rotch have been rec'd. we were glad to get the copper even at that high price — We regret that we are under the necessity at the present time of ordering the copper for our Ships Alliance, but as we are anxious to get her to sea, we therefore have to request thou will purchase for us in the course of a week or ten days six hundred sheets, one third 18 oz one third 20 oz & one third 22 oz we hope thou will not be obliged to give more than for that sent us — With much respect thy frs.

(signed) W R Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co. New Bedford 11 Mo 16th 1824

We wish you to send us by the return of the Bedford sixteen pieces Bourgins & ten pieces best half duck, of similar qualities of that you sold John Aitkin — respectfully &c —

(signed) W. R Rotch & Co —

Henry Grinnell New Bedford 11th Mo. 20th 1824

On opening the Copper received from thee we find the Box marked JAM × 152 contg. fifty sheets was 26 oz Copper instead of 28 oz - the weight charged in the bill 3. 2. 11 would answer to 28 oz — we regret we had not had an opportunity to weigh the 50 sheets by themselves, but the carpenter put it with the rest of the 26 oz. before we discovered the error. we had no 28 oz for the Ship, having procured 30 oz sure of a sufficient quantity with the 50 sheets ordered from thee, to make up our compliment of heavy copper — We wish thee to state this to the person of whom thee purchased the copper, & endeavour to get him to allow us the difference between the two sizes of the copper, which we think he ought to do, should a certificate from the carpenters who opened the boxes be necessary

we can forward one.—
We hope thou will soon be able to send us the Copper ordered for the Alliance, as we are anxious to receive it. We have put on board the Experiment a quantity of old Sheathing copper, which please sell for our account. Please procure & send us by the Expt a Chain Cable 75 or 80 fathoms long of 1 5/8 inch if to be had — if not of 1 7/16 inch. — & if neither of those sizes can be procured get one of an inch. — We wish none of the apparatus accompany it except the Heaume box for the Starboard bow, & the box containing the punches & hand hooks — Also please inform us by mail if there is any new prime pork in Market, the price & if thee can get us forty barrels to come by the Expt.

(signed) Wm R Roteh & Co

Henry Grinnell 10mo 28. 1824

By the Expt we wish thee to send us two casks new rice of good quality and include the same in thy bill of a chain cable for the Wm Rotch

Thy friends

Wm R. Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell 10mo 30. 1824

Thine of the 27. is before us, we hope thy cables from Boston will be rec.d before the Expt leaves, and thou canst send us the one of 1 7/16 inch. if not please purchase us one of that size 75 or 80 fathoms — We notice thy remarks respecting pork. and have concluded to take no pork for the Wm Rotch — we wish thee to purchase for us forty barrels prime pork we wish thee would have it examined that it is of good quality and free from rust. and send it us by the Expt

Thy friend

Wm R Rotch & Co

Jaron Cornish New Bedford 11 Mo. 13. 1824.

We have this day received thy favo of the 10th enclosing One hundred dollars, which amt we endorse on thy note We are &c

Wm R Rotch & Co.

Henry Grinnell 11 Mo. 13. 1824

By the Exp[t] we send thee a quantity of old Copper which please see for our a/c — We send thee by the Exp[t] the hawse holler sent us with the chain cable, which when fastening it on was broken owing to the metals being bad. we wish thee to endeavour to get it exchanged by the person of whom the cable was bought, if he will not do it, please procure us another of a little larger size & send it by the first opportunity. if however none presents during next week we do not wish it thee will observe there is an old flaw in it

Thy friends

Wm R Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell 11 Mo 20. 1824

Above we send you our draft on Caleb Hathaway Phil[a] at sight for $1250. which we hope you will be able to place to our Credit as per, towards copper to be for A Barclay

Yours

Wm R. Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co 11 Mo. 25. 1824

Would it be agreable to you to cash on Sales of Hides about $11400 for us — we had appropriated this am[t] when due to take up some prem[m] notes to the N. E. Mu. Ins Co, but as they wish their pay now, we should be glad to avail ourselves from those sales sufficient am[t] to take them up — Should it meet your convenience to do it, please do us the favour to call at the N. E. Mu. Ins Co office and pay them — they are as follows — viz

Ex Elizabeth No 8323 for $281 due 6 Mo 6. 1824 or 60 days from arrival of the vessel
Barclay " 7444 " 561 . . . 6 . 14 " " "
Allianc - 9109 " 244 . . 7 . . 10 " " "
Wm Rotch 9108 " 316 . . . 8 . . 3 " " "
$ 1397

Could $5000 be procured on a bottomry bond on Ship Wm Rotch bound on a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean at 5 Per ct per annum Interest please inform us

Respectfully
Wm R Rotch & Co

James Hall

11 Mo 25. 1824

Respected Friend

We have rec'd a letter from Capt Lumbard of our Ship Minerva dated Panama Oct 9. inform'd us that he had chartered the Ship to the Govement to carry troops from that port to Guyaquil where he had sold his Cargo, and was to receive Cocoa in payment two Months from the sale (6 Sept.) apprehensive his employing the Ship in this Manner might be considered as a deviation from the original intention of the assurers. We wish to know whether you are willing to make an endorsement on the policy that the Ship having been thus employed shall not be in any way to the detriment of the policy when she again receives her Cargo on board — The office in this place when she was partly insured have made an endorsement to this effect. without any additional prem^m - we waveing any claim for return prem^m on the Cargo while not at risk & having the policy continued at the same rate of prem^m until she arrives at her port of discharge either in Europe or the U. S. guaranteeing them 6 Months additional prem^m in case of loss after the expiration of the time first insured for — From Guyaquil she will probably go to Gibralter — Should your office be willing to make such an endorsement on the enclosed policy we should be pleased to have it done - and we will send our note for the additional

six months prem^m allowing us the privilege to stop the Policy should the Cargo be landed in Europe or the W. I. before the 18 Months from the original date of the Policy expires. — What rate of prem^m will you ask on our ship Wm Rotch to the Pacific Ocean on a whaleing voyage to sail in a few days —
We have rec^d a line from the Sec^y of your Office respecting our prem^m Notes which we will attend to

Respectfully &c
Wm Rotch & Co

Capt. Henry Adams
Resp. friend

New Bedford 11 Mo 27^th 1824

The Ship Wm Rotch being under thy command, we as owners of said Ship, deem it proper as is our general practice, to give a few hints expressive of our ideas of the manner so long a voyage as you must have, should be managed — Assuring thee at the same time, we have the utmost confidence in thy ability & intention to do every thing in thy power to promote our interest — In the first place we would state to thee, the very great care & responsibility attached to thy station, as having the entire control of so many men, as are necessary to conduct a whaling voyage & with what extreme caution every act of thine towards them should be marked, indeed it is our positive belief, that two thirds if not all the difficulty which takes place on voyages of this nature, arise from want of the officers paying sufficient attention to the different dispositions of those whom they have as sailors. Not that we would wish any undue indulgence of a bad temper, but that the Master should endeavour to promote as much as possible harmony & good feeling one towards another amongst his crew, & should himself be perfectly even in his conduct, & enforce one general rule of discipline — in this way of management, the crew will be better satisfied & the voyage facilitated, thou hast enough of every thing on board the Ship & we have

have no doubt, but thou will take an interest in dai
ly giving thy Crew as much provision as is consistant
with circumstances — We expect thou will fill the
Ship & bring more Oil than she has ever before brot
& we would particularly enjoin it on thee to take
every pains that the Oil should be white & clear —
In thy expenses on the voyage we hope every
economy Consistent with the wants & comfort of
the Ships Company will be exercised —

Wishing thee a pleasant & short voyage
We remain thy friends
/Signed/ Wm R. Rotch & Co
for themselves & other owners of
the Ship —

James Hall Esqr. New Bedford 11 Mo 30th. 1824

Respt. friend

We have recd. thy favour of 27th.
enclosing the Policy on the Minerva with an indors
but not corresponding to our wishes as expressed in
our letter of the 25th. as we wished to have a
perfect understanding, that in case any accident
whatever should befal the Cargo when she again
takes it on board, we should have a claim on
the office the same as if she had not been thus
employed. — We do not apprehend that after she
again resumes her voyage, any additional risk
ought to be attached to the Cargo, but her having
been engaged in the Patriot service, might serve
as a pretence of capturing her should she fall in
with the Royalists afterwards — The unsettled
state in which that country now is, & the difficulty
of getting redrip in case of any detention, causes us
to wish that we may be indemnified for any injury
that might result to the Cargo — Should the offic
consider that the risk is so much enhanced that they
are unwilling to comply with our wishes, without
charging an additional Prem., we should prefer

having the policy stopped at the time of her landing the cargo at Guyaquill — as we doubt not but what we might easily obtain reapurance on the terms offered by us — plase inform us by return mail —

We requested our friends J Bradlee & co to inform us whether we could obtain a loan on bottomry on Ship Wm Rotch they informed us that your offer would let us have $5000 on the 1st of Janv. — at 5 pct. pam.t would it be agreable to you to let us have $8000 — we should prefer to have this amt. — Plase fill & forward us a policy on the Ship W.m Rotch — Henry Adams Master for Twelve thousand dollars, one half on Ship & one half on outfits — Ship & outfits valued at $24,000 to the Pacific Ocean on a Whaling Voyage with the usual liberty — at a prem.m of 5½ pct. — with the understanding that we are to receive five or eight thousand dollars on a bottomry bond on said Ship on the 1st of Janv. at 5 pct p.r ann.m Intst —

Very respectfully &c
(signed) W.m Rotch & Co.

Fish & Grinnell
Resp.t friend

New Bedford 12 Mo 24.th 1824

We last evening rec.d letters from Capt. Ebr Clark of our Bark Elizabeth, informing us he was to leave the 1st of Nov.r for New York with 139 Cases 11 bbls & 196 bags fine sugars — & 7 Cases & 9 bbls & 53 bags Riodonds sugars & 350 bags Coffee on owners acc.t — besides some freight — We think he may be with you soon — and we wish you to say to Capt. Clark that it is our wish for him to employ you to transact his busines — Our J K Anthony will leave here by land next second day for New York & will decide there with him, what shall be done with the vessel & cargo —

Very respectfully your Frds.
Capt. Clarks family are well (sig.d) W.m Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co. New Bedford 12. Mo. 25. 1825

Resp.t Friends

Enclosed we send you our note with Joseph Rotch for eight thousand dollars to the Presidents Directors & Co. of the New England Marine Ins. Co. bearing Interest from the 3.d day of next month on which day please present the same & receive the amo. for us — the President informed us he preferd this method to our giving a bottowry bond on Ships Wm Rotch, but said he might require the policy of Insurance on said Ships inclosed to them, which should he wish we will do it — Our J.K. Anthony is under the necessity of leaving town for a few weeks is the reason of our sending this to you so soon, we shall draw on you this day several dft.s at five days sight for about $7500 - but they will not be presented for acceptance before the 29.th by which you will be in funds before they become due — We shall feel ourselves particularly obliged by your attention to this busines — & remain very truly

Your friend

(signed) W.m R. Rotch & Co.

Alex.r Barclay & Co. New York 1 Mo 25.th 1825

Gottenburg

We are dispatching our B. Eliz.a Capt. Parker from this City with a Cargo partly on fr.t & part on owners a/c. for Hamburg, Consigned to Robinson Goldsmith & Co. from thence she will proceed for your port for a cargo of Iron, our friends in Hamburg will open a for Capt. Parker for the proceeds of our Shipment & bal.ce of freight money, which will probably fall short of the funds necessary to purchase a cargo of Iron, but on our return to N. Bedford we shall make enquiries of our friend the Rodmans in what manner they made their remittances, whether they were directed by you, or placed their funds in London subject to your order & shall advise you in time by the way of England — We wish the Cargo of Iron sent to be for this market and are directed to have it proportion-
over

proportioned as follows —

5	Tons	1¼ In. by	2/8 in.	flat
2	"	"	¾	"
10	"	1½	⅜	"
50	"	1¾	½	"
20	"	1¾	9/16	"
20	"	2	½	
5	"	2	¾	
20	"	2¼	⅝	
20	"	2½	½	
10	"	3	½	
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8	Tons	3 In.	by ½ in.	flat
8	"	3½	— ½ & ⅝	
4		4	— ⅝	
4		4½	— ½ & ⅝	
3		5	— " "	
3		6	— " "	
4		1¼	Square	
4		1⅛	"	
15		¾	"	
5		⅝	"	
58	= making 220 tons			

Altho a few tons of this is considered extra sizes, yet we hope you may be able to get it at the same price with the other — you will please forward us duplicate Invoice of the Cargo &c. to New Bedford —
We shall be obliged by your having the Invoice & bills lading of the Iron Consigned to order & the bills lading indorsed in blank by you, giving Capt. Parker one of each —

Respectfully &c
(signed) W. R. Robeck & Co

New York 1st Mo. 25. 1825

Robinow Goldschmidt & Co. (Hamburg)

This will be handed you by Capt. Parker of our B. Elizabeth whom we are despatching from this, for your port, with a part of a Cargo on freight & some on our own acc. of which we shall enclose Invoices — We wish you to give him all the despatch in your power to enable him to proceed to Gottenburg — you will also please furnish him with a Letter of Cr. to draw for the proceeds of our property & the balance of frgt. money — Should the Coffee or whatever else he may have on our acc. not be disposed of before he leaves Hamburg you will please advise him at Gottenburg thro. our friends Alex Barclay & Co. — the sum for which he may draw —
We have 365 bags Rio de Janeiro Coffee of a very fine quality

which is all the cargo that we have provided for our own acct — but we shall have directions with our friends in this City. Fish & Grinnell, should not a sufficient freight offer. to fill her up on our own a/c — As we have for New Bedford (your place of residence) tomorrow, we are unable to say what Cargo she may have on owners acct — The Counls Certificates for the landing of the Coffee, you will please be particular to have forwarded to our friends Fish & Grinnell of this City by differt. Conveyances —

You will oblige us immediately on the arrival of Capt Parker to inform us by the way of England, should no direct opportunity offer, giving us the State of your Market, particularly for Whale Oil, as we are interested in the Fishery & shall be shipping Oil to the North of Europe this Summer & should your market warrant it we might give it a preference over Bremen, where we usually ship. —

Never having had the pleasure of transacting any busines with your house, we hope this introduction may prove mutually profitable & satisfactory — The Sales when effected with your a/c Curt. you will please forward us at N. Bedford. —

Sign'd T. R. Roberts & Co —

New York 1. Mo. 25. 1825

Capt. S. S. Parker

The B. Elizabeth under thy Command being nearly ready for sea we are induced to give thee our views respecting the voyage before we leave this City — We wish thee to proceed direct for Hamburg and call on the house of Robinow, Goldsmidt & Co. to whom hand thy letters & consign the vessel & Cargo on owners a/c — We wish thee to use every exertion to get discharged, ballasted & make the best of thy way for Gottenburg for a return Cargo of Iron. — We shall hand thee a letter for our friends Alex Barclay & Co. at that place, which we wish thee to be particular to have forwarded immediately on thy arrival at Hamburg

On thy arrival at Gottenburg apply to Alex.r Barclay & Co who will furnish thee with an assorted Cargo of Iron the sizes which are best suited for this market are as follows - /See letter to A. B & Co — / making 220 tons for the payt. of which thee must draw on our friends in Hamburg for the proceeds of thy Cargo on owners acct with the balc.e due from the outward frgt. as this will not be sufficient to pay for the whole Cargo, we shall make arrangements with A. B & Co. to draw on our friends in London for the balc.e —

After completing thy Cargo, return to this City to our friends F & Grinnell —

For thy service this voyage we shall allow thee 5 pct. primg. on $2800 estimate frgt. out, 5 pct. primg. on $6 p ton frgt. of Iron home $25 p month for wages & one half pct. Passage money, which we will settle with thee for here —

After landing the Coffee be particular to have thy Certificate signed by the Consul & forward them by different Conveyances to New York to our friends Fish & Grinnell — should you find it difficult to obtain 50 tons of 1¾ by ⅞ in. some 1¼ by ⅞ would answer

/Sign.d/ W. R. Roth & Co —

New Bedford 2.d Mo. 1. 1825

Crocker Richmond & Otis

Your favour 15.th last month was duly rec.d & we regret that it would not have been attended to sooner, we have this day deposited to your credit at the Bed.d Com.l Bank Five hundred sixty two $\frac{62}{100}$ say $562.$ $\frac{62}{100}$ the balance due you for sale of the first parcel of hoops after deducting a small balc.e due us from C. Bush & Richmond, which we presume it would be agreeable to have transfered The prospect for sale of Hoops by us is small, but we shall endeavour to run off what we have in the Spring —

Respectfully &c —

New Bedford 2 Mo 14. 1828

Adam Norrie

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We have dispatched our Bark Elizabeth Capt Parker for Hamburg from New York, her Cargo all on freight excepting 365 Bags Coffee on our own account, she will probably sailed from New York the 10th Inst from Hamburg she will proceed to Gottenburg for a Cargo of Iron say 220 tons, the funds arising from the sales of Coffee, and freight Money will be about $9000, or a little rising that amo', this will probably leave short about £500 St'g. of the amount of the Invoice of Iron - We wish information of the best Mode of Making this remittance whether we Cannot remit a bill to Alex Barclay Esq' Brothers in London, and have the Amo' placed to their Cr. and have Commission of ½ p' Cent - we have an impression that our friends A. Bells & Co have Mentioned this Method in their Correspondence with us - if this is not practicable, we can remit the Amo' to our friends in London, and request A. Bells & Co. to draw on them - We shall be obliged by thy writing us by return Mail on this subject, and give us the latest advices from Gottenburg, also whether three or four hundred barrels of Whale Oil would meet with a ready Sale at Gottenburg if Shipped from here early next Month, we are daily expecting a Ship from the fishery, and we shall dispatch her immediately to the North of Europe with her Cargo of Oil, and to Gottenburg for Iron, we might retain that quantity on board and take it to Gottenburg - If the remittance can be Made to the funds of A. Bells & Co. please name the sum -

Respectfully Yours

Signed Wm R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford 2 Mo 14. 1825

James Hall

We with the policy on Cargo of the Bark Elizabeth Hopkins, has arrived at N York and was discharged the 30th of 12 Month, but owing to the absence of the writer, we omitted writing before, we presume however this will be in time to save more than Eight Months prem. being charged — She is now on freight, and we shall not want any insurance until her arrival at Gottenburg — Please acknowledge the receipt of this and inform us of the policy being cancelled and the amo we are to pay —

Respectfully
Signed — Wm R Rotch & Co

Alex. Barclay & Co.
Resp. Friends

New Bedford 2 Mo 19. 1825

Our last respects were from New York of the 25. Ultto. to be forwarded you from Hamburg which informed you of our having sent the Bark Elizabeth capt. Parker to Hamburg, from whence she would proceed to Gottenburg for a Cargo of Iron — As our funds from the proceeds of the Barks freight & a part of the cargo on our own a/c. will fall short in paying for a Cargo of Iron, about £500 Stg. we have consulted your Agent A. Norrie, & by his advice we have this day written Fish & Grinnell New York, to remit to Your friends in London, Douglas Anderson & Co. a bill for £500 Stg. & order it placed to your Credit, this Ano. with what funds Capt. Parker will be able to draw on Hamburg for, will we hope be sufficient to purchase about 220 tons of Iron — Your friends in London will be requested to immediately inform you of the recpt. of the remittance, this mode of placing the bal. of ~~our~~ funds will we hope be satisfactory to you —

We are daily expecting the arrival of a Ship in which we are interested, from the fishery, & it is our intention

immediately to send her to a port in the North of Europe with her Bill, & from thence to Gottenburg for a Cargo of Iron — The Cargo of the Elizabeth we wish proportioned as follows — see letter to them of the 25th Inst. 5 pages back ——

It is with much pleasure we again renew our correspondence & hope circumstances will warrant its continuation — The House of Robinson Goldschmidt & Co. will transact the busines for the Elizabeth at Hamb.g & on whom Capt. Parker will draw for the payment of his Cargo at Gottenburg —

P.S. The Elizabeth sailed from N. York the 14th Inst. Sign.d

Respectfully &c.
B & R Rotch & Co.

Adam Norrie

New Bedford 2d mo 19th 1825

Respd. friend

We duly rec.d thy favr. of the 16th & notice thy remarks, we enclose a letter for our friends in Gottenburg, informing them we have this day requested our friends Fish & Grinnell New York to remit to Douglas Anderson & Co. London, the friends of Alex.r Barclay & Co. — five hundred pounds Sterling and order the same placed to their Cr. — Please do us the favr. to forward the enclosed letter and oblige. —

Thy friends —
(sign.d) B & R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 2d mo 19th 1825

Fish & Grinnell

We wish you to purchase for us a bill on London for five hundred pounds Sterling and remit the same to Douglas Anderson & Co. London & request them to place the same to the credit of Alex.r Barclay & Co. Gottenburg, & to inform them the rec.t thereof, likewise acknowledge to you when they have so done — We have this day written to our friends in Gottenburg via Boston direct — that we have directed the remittance above requested

to be made to their friends in London, by advice of their Agent in this Country —
We had hoped to have rec.d to day the Eliz.th accounts with a statement of the Specie rec.d from Capt. Lumbard — We would thank you to inform us in what manner we can forward a letter to Chagres, that we may be able to learn the reason of the deficiency in the remittance of the Amo. left in the consuls hands by Capt. L.

Respectfully &c
Sign.d W. R. Rotch & Co —

Henry Grinnell — New Bedford 2m 26. 1825

Annexed we send three Am.e drafts on J. W. Russell for $450. and on Caleb Nathaway, Phila.a for $350. at three days sight — making $800, which please collect and place to our credit — Should the balance of our a/c be wanted, please inform us, and it shall be forwarded. —

Thy friends
W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell — 3mo 8. 1825

Yours by the Rosetta with sales of Sugar and the Elizabeth disbursments are rec.d — we notice you omit crediting us for the old Copper that came off the Bark — we believe Capt Clark gave you the weight the price was 17 ½ ct cash, we also notice an error in the charges on the sales of the sugar in the Am.o of Interest on duties — Am.o deducted for 224 ds discount $80.37 — which we believe should be in the way you calculate $96.44 difference $16.07/100 which if correct with the proceeds of the old copper please pass to our credit & inform us the Am.o —
We credit your a/c with $2428 27/100 for a remittance of £500 Stg to Douglas Anderson & Co London to be placed to the credit of Alex.r Barclay & Co Rotterdam

Yours W. R. Rotch & Co

James Hall Esq New Bedford 3 Mo 10. 1825

We wish some insurance effected on Cargo and freight on board our Bark Ship Elizabeth from New York to Hamburg – say $1300 on Cargo & $2500 dollars on freight, for which we should be willing to pay a prem.ᵐ of One per.ᶜ. Should your office like to take the risk at that premᵐ you may send us a policy, one half for ace of Capᵗ Eben Clark & one half for ourselves – the Bark sailed from New York 1 Mo 13.

Weare & Robotch & Co

J. Brodie & Co 3 Mo 28. 1825

We notice advertised for sale the Ship Adriana will you be so good as to make some enquiries respecting her. the materials of which she was built. situation of her standing rigging. Inventory. Copper &c and the probable terms on which she might be purchased, should they meet our views, we should probably wish to buy her Please give us an answer hereto in the course of the week – We made application to the N. E. M. Ins Co on the 10ᵗʰ Inst for some Insurance on the Bark Elizᵇ to Hamᵍ offering them a premᵐ of One per cent – which they declined on ace of her sailing from this County so early in the year, after receiving their answer we found we had made an error in the time of her sailing of a month – she left New York 2 Mo 13 – Should they be inclined to fill us a policy at that premᵐ after learning the above, we should like to have one for the amo stated in our letter to them, Please be good enough to make the enquiry. – Weare

W R Robotch & Co

Elisha Hathaway New Bedford 4th m. 5. 1825

W. T. Russell & ourselves having been making some purchases of Sperm Oil we wish to raise the sum of $6000 towards paying for the same Will thou do us the favour to procure the above am.t for us for the term of one year at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per ct on a joint note signed by W. T. R & ourselves — The payment becomes due on the 20th inst and if thou canst procure the am.t on the 25th it will answer our purpose, and we will send our note dated on that day — If it would not be troubling thee too much we should prefer thy receiving the money and honouring our drafts for the same — The large stock we laid in last summer is mostly on hand. not wishing to make much sales at the low prices which have prevailed during the past winter, this occasion our being under the necessity of having money on a/c Both W. T. R and ourselves have rec.d some money from the N. E. Ins Co perhaps it would be as well to make application to some other source. —

We would thank thee to send us an answer hereto as soon as practicable. — We shall have occasion to value on thee for $400 bal of old a/c on the 7th inst favr J Ricketson Cash.r which please accept

Your friends
Wm R Rotch & Co

Elisha Hathaway 4 m.o 20. 1825

We have thy favr of the 12th inst. and are much obliged for thy friendly aid in procuring us the loan wished. we herewith annex our note payable to Wm T. Russell at the New England bank Boston for Six thousand dollars on the 25th day of the 4th m.o 1826 with Int for One year and endorsed by him — Should the form which it is written not comport to the wishes of A P Vernon Esq.r we will send another to meet his views — We have this day drawn on thee at 5 days sight favr J Ricketson Cash.r for

four thousand dollars on acc^{t} of the above note, which please honour. We have a prem^{m} note due to the New Engl^{d} Marine Ins Co for $176. on Cargo B. Elizabeth which please do us the fav^{r} to take up

With much esteem be
Wm R Rotch & Co

John Travers
Patterson N J

New Bedford Ap^{l} 23. 1825

Dear Sir

Our mutual friend Gen^{l} Mitchell J has informed us that you may probably may wish an agent in this quarter to dispose of duck from your Manufactory Should you be disposed to entrust such agency to us we will assure you that we shall do all in our power to further your interest — Should your manufactures on trial, prove more economical than the Russian, it would soon gain a decided preference, as it an important consideration with those engaged in the fishery to have the best of duck for sails, the voyages being very long, and the vessels at sea most of the time — We probably should have it in our power to make quite as extensive sales as any one in this place, having for a number of years been importers of duck until the last two years

Very Respectfully
Wm R Rotch & Co

Brother Richmond & Otis

5 Mo 2. 1825

We have your fav^{r} 23^{d} ult^{o} we herewith hand you Cap^{t} Blake of Sloop Dart acc^{t} for two hundred & ten gallons Strained oil amo^{t} to $137. which we have ch^{d} you in Op — the price may seem high, compared to what it had been selling at a few months past. but we could not purchase it a less price than we have furnished it for — we sold about the same quantity last week at the same price — We have sold a part of the Hoops @ $115. On^{o} L. R Does still hold theirs at this price, but we hope they will hold them higher soon, the price of Iron will certainly warrant it

Yours
Wm R Rotch & Co

Brother Richmond & Otis New Bedford 5m 24. 1825

We have engaged some 6d 3d hoops to one of our friends at $120. and should like you to send us by the first opportunity 3 tons 3d — 2 tons 6d — & 1 ton 5d hoops we could dispose of them soon. those that we have on hand are all 4d we hope in the course of the month to dispose of all we have

Yours
W R Rotch & Co

B. Richmond & Otis 5m 6. 1825

We agreed a few days since to furnish two ships with Hoops at $115 ₱ ton 6m Co the quantity not to exceed what we had on hand. on examining them, we find they are mostly 3ds — the kind wanted are principally 4ds — We should like for you to send us a quantity of 4ds hoops say ten tons (besides those wrote for on the 4th) with which we could exchange for the 3ds — also one more ton 5ds We have now sold all we have on hand, and think we should be able to dispose of a considerable quantity should you wish it — S. R Tons now hold them at $120 — We should be glad to receive them early next week

Yours
W R Rotch & Co

B. Richmond & Otis 5m 12. 1825

Enclosed we hand you a/c sales of the three parcels of Hoops rec'd from you $611 71/100 due 6m 23. 1825 and $549 13/100 & $71 73/100 due 10m 28. 1825 — The parcel rec'd from I. Clapp were quite rusty and $100 ₱ ton was the most we could get for them — We regret you have no hoops to sell, as we have no doubt we should be able to dispose of a considerable quantity this summer — Should you wish us at any time to transact any business for you we should be happy to do it

We are
W R Rotch & Co

Henry Grinnell New Bedford 5th mo 14. 1825

Above we send you our draft on Caleb Hathaway Phr. for $382 49/100 which please do us the favour to have collected & placed to our Cr. — N. T. Russell will request you to place 3/4. of the remittance which J Harrison made you for his acct to our Cr. which please pass to our Cr. when the draft becomes due

Yours

Wm Rotch & Co

James Wall Esqr 6 mo 24. 1825

We wish $ 6000 insured on Cargo of Bark Elizabeth Capt Parker at and from Gottenburg to N York, our letters from Hamburg mention she was to leave there for Gottenburg the 1st of May — We presume you would consider 1 pct a fair rate of premium, and at which rate (should you incline) you may send us a policy for the above amt

Nat C. Hathaway pd our note for prem on the Eliz for $170 — we requested him so to do two months since

Yours

W. R. Rotch & Co

Crocker Richmond & Otis 6 mo 24. 1825

We have yours of yesterday, and as you request enclose your acct with us balance due you $ 1088 57/100 of which you can draw on us for $ 804 71/100 or we will place the amt to your Cr at our bank as you may direct —

Yours

W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish & Grinnell July 14. 1825

We hope ere this our bark Elizabeth will have arrived with you, should she have not & you think it would be best to have the Cargo deliverable on arrival, in preference to waiting, we leave you at liberty to do it. She was to commence loading

the 11th of May. and we think must have got away from Gothenburg by the 20th — The follow is a copy of the Lines ordered — (See Letter to A Barclay 1 Mo 25) the will not probably being more than 200 tons — Our friends write us — "we are sorry that we will not be able to get any 1¼ In by ⅜ or ½ In flat, also shall be short of ¾ In square and 3 In by ⅜ flat, but we shall come as near the order as possible — should you not like it before arrival we wish it disposed of from the vessel, the purchaser entering the Cargo, and securing the duties himself, if he will do it — unless you should think it would be more to our interest to store it, which we very much doubt. —

We are daily expecting to hear of the arrival of the Schr Allen into N. York from Bhagues, she has on board some Specie, & we believe some plate — pina for our acct how much we know not when it arrives we with you to sell it & place the proceeds to our Cr it will be consigned to your care —

We are
W. R Robt & Co

Fish & Grinnell

July 25. 1825

We are in rec't of your fav 22d Inst and have to request you will do us the favour to purchase a bill of Exchange on London for £398.7. Stg & remit the same to London by the first opportunity to Douglas Anderson & C. to the Credit of Alex Barclay & Co of Gothenburg for Order of Adam Norrie, and at our request. being the Amt drawn on us by A Barclay & Co fav A Norrie for balance due them for a Cargo of Iron for the Bark Eli 4 / please write to D A & Co to this effect and forward us the second bill for us to hand Mr Norrie — We shall be much obliged by your attention hereto — We hope you

will be able to effect sales of the Elis Cargo at $100 or something over

Yours

W. A. Aotet & Co

Fish & Grinnell 8mo 26. 1825

Enclosed we send you bills Lading of two Seroons Plata pines & Ship Florida Capt Price, which please do us the favour to receive & sell to the best advantage, & the proceeds place to our Dr — Capt Lumbard writes us by the Florida that he holds D. Craigs (of Panama) Receipts for $14000 besides some hats & nails left with him for Sale — all that Craig has remitted us is about $4000 — we have heard nothing from respecting the remainder ~~since he left Panama~~ could you get any information respecting him, it would give us Satisfaction to know it The Elis 1/3 A/C are ours

Yours &c

Wm A Aotet & Co.

James Hall Esqr Sep 2. 1825

We will $7000 Insured on Cargo of back ship Elis & and $3000 on freight from this port to Lisbon, with liberty to use one other port in Europe We are willing to give the same prem & the we pay our office here for the like sum say 1¼ pct to return ¼ pct if only one port is used Should the above meet your views please send us a policy

Yours

W. A. Aotet & Co

Capt Eben Clark New Bedford Sept 2. 1825

We herewith hand you the Invoice bill lading for the Cargo of the bark Elizabeth of which you have the Command — We wish you to proceed to Lisbon, Call on our friend J. P. Hutchinson for advice of the state of that market, should the price be low & you should learn the Greenland fishery had been successful, you had better proceed to some port in the N. of Europe; but if you can make the Cargo mete, amo of the Invs. from the vessel, you had better sell from on board, unless Mr Hutchinson should advise your having it stored, in either case you are at full liberty to do as you may think best

Should you sell at Lisbon, you probably can get some freight for the United States, the proceeds of your Cargo, you will either remit to London to Thos Dickason, or bring home in Specie, as the Exchange may be, You can calculate on 60 pct adv: here for bills on London

Should you not be able to get a freight for the U.S. you had better take in a Cargo of Salt for N. York, But if you can find any employment for the ship, in any other way, which you may think more advantageous we are fully willing you should do it — Should you return to the U.S. direct from Lisbon, we shall request Mr Hutch.n to send us two pipes & two half pipes of port wine of the best quality & of good age, unless it is, we do not care about having it, & to get good we should not mind the extra price — We shall expect to allow you the same compensation as you had the voyage to S. America — We feel full confidence in your judgement & prudence in Conducting the voyage & we leave you at full liberty to go & to do, wherever & whatever you may think for the interest of the Concerned

Wishing you a pleasant Voyage

Yours &c. R. Rotch & Co

J. P. Hutchinson New Bedford Sep 7. 1825

This will be handed you by Capt Eben Clark of our Bark Ship Elizabeth, who is bound for your port with a cargo of Whale Oil & 160 boxes Spurm Candles, consigned to him, and in which he is interested One half. We have recommended him on his arrival at Lisbon, immediately to consult with your good self the prospect for disposing his cargo, whether it will be most to the interest of the Concerned for it to be sold from the vessel, landed & stored for an increased price, or whether he had better proceed to another port for a market

Should he discharge the cargo at Lisbon & conclude to return direct to the United States, we wish you to have the goodness to procure us two pipes & two half pipes of the first quality Port wine, Should you not be able to get that which is really good, we do not wish for any, as it is intended for our own particular consumption

We have no doubt but what you will render Capt Clark what aid & assistance he may need

Your friends
N. A. Hutchinson & Co

New Bedford 10 mo 25 1825

Fish & Grinnell

Respected Friends

Your favr of the 18 Inst is before us and we notice the course you have taken with regard to the bill for £398.7 you remitted Douglas Anderson & Co for our request in the 7 mo last The following is a statement of what interest we had to send. When the Bark Eliza'th was in Gottenburg last Spring our funds for the purchase of her cargo of Iron fell short £398 7 4 for which

our Lucius A Barclay & Co drew on us in favor of Adam Thomie payable in Boston at the current rate of Exchange on London — on accepting said bill A Thomie remarked he wished to remit this Amt to London, and requested us to have a bill procured for the Amount, this this would prevent any difference which might arise respecting the rate of Exchange, this we consented to do and wrote you 7m25 to procure said bill, and remit to Douglas Anderson & Co to the Cr of A Barclay & Co by order A Thomie and at our request & the 2nd bill you remitted us which we handed Thomie and took up Barclay & Co draft on us — Here we consider our responsibility ended, neither our names nor yours being on the bills & we could not be considered as guaranteeing them. We have therefore to request of you should your letter not reach Liverpool in time to have the bill protested and it should be returned to N York protested, and you should be advised thereof, you will oblige us by giving A Thomie information of the same likewise us. Should the bill not be paid (it is the opinion of the writer) we ought not to be holden to pay it, unless it should be from you having protested it, in that case we think we have a just claim on Barclay & Co Our neighbour A Perkins was drawn by A B & Co at the same time with us for a draft & made him, He declined doing Thomie the favor to purchase a bill for him but procured him by a draft on N York. — We duly appreciate the motive which influenced you to protest the bill but regret the course you have

taken in as much as it will compel us to look to Barclay & Co should it be paid by your request, but we sincerely hope the bill will at maturity be paid by order of the drawers of which you think there is some chance this will save us much trouble

Yours Sincerely

(Signed) W R Rotch & Co

New Bedford Nov 2 1825

A Moore

Dear Sir

We last evg. rec'd yours of 31 ult and we notice its contents you are certainly owing the £398-7 which we owed A Barclay & Co was due in this country at the Current rate of Exchange. not payable in London but at your request we made ourselves your agents to procure a bill on London for that amount and we directed our friends to purchase the bill and remit the same to Douglas Anderson & Co for "order of A Moore" and when we gave you the 2d bill and rec'd from you Barclay & Co bill on us we considered ourselves as discharged from all responsibility you having then rec'd from us the full value of your debt to Barclay & Co — We regret very much that the bill was not duly honored but we hope at maturity it still may be paid as we have understood the drawers have ordered property into the hands of the drawees to meet some bills drawn about the time of this It may be among the number. In any event we consider ourselves fully discharged from all liability or obligation to Barclay & Co in lieu of the bill drawn on us

Yours &c

pr W R Rotch & Co

Messrs Hill & Blodget

New Bedford Nov.r 8. 1825

We have this day rec.d your favr. 27.th Sept.r informing us of the arrival at Gibraltar of our ship Minerva, we had not heard until a few days that she had gone to your port, or we should have sooner written you on the subject

By Capt Howlands instructions from Capt Lumbard we observe he advises him to endeavour to procure a freight or charter, either for the U. States or elsewhere, failing in this to proceed to the nearest port for a cargo of Salt for this port — We have no doubt you have given Capt Howland all the aid & assistance which he may have needed — The proceeds of the Minerva's cargo, together with the freight (after furnishing Capt Howland with the needful for disbursements & and for a cargo of Salt should it have been needed) you will please remit to our friends in London Messrs Thos Dickason & Co to our credit, requesting them to advise us on rec.t of the same. Hoping soon to have the pleasure of hearing from you again We remain &c

W. R. Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 11mo 12 1825

Brookes, Rich.d & Co.s

Respected Friends

Above you have — Rickeson Cash.r rec.t for Joint Sum dated eighty three 86/100 Dolls deposited to your Credit at the Bedford Com.l Bank being the balance of our acct

Yours truly

(Signed) W. R. Rotch & Co.

Dec 1st 1825

Capt Lumbard Baltimore

We have this day rec'd letters from our friends Fish & Grinnell & which we learn you were left at Chagres the 13th ult and were to take passage in the Boy's leader for Baltimore this is the first information we have had from you since since your letter of 8th June. We understand the specie you left with Mr Craig had been seized by the Custom house which had occasioned this long delay but was now cleared. We hope its seizure has not been attended with much expense if it has you will see that no more falls to our share than we ought in justice to bear we understood Mr Craig was detected in smuggling which was the reason of the seizure. We would recommend for you to sell your specie in Baltimore and obtain from the Branch Bank a check on the Boston or New York bank for the amount. The Plata Pinca you sent us by the Gloucester we sent to the Mint and we were allowed 1114-10 oz 1 dwt 1 way tot $1397.96. We mention this that if you have any with you and can not dispose of it to so good advantage in Baltimore you can take it with you to ~~Phila~~ the Mint We have rec'd but one remittence from Mr Craig which was last Sept 1st in dollars $2500

1417 16/20 oz plata pina sold at 125 ₵ p oz 1772.25

$4272.25

The Minerva arrived on the 27th 29 days from Gibraltar she has 500 bu Salt on Govt. acc. $453 f.t. and 970 passage money the writer saw Mrs Lumbard last evening & family are well Hoping that we shall have the pleasure of hearing your safe arrival at Baltimore and a speedy return to your friends we remain

Your friends

(Signed) W R Mott & Co

12 Mo 1. 1825

Fish & Grinnell

We have this even[g] your acceptable duplicate of yours of the 26 the information from Capt Lombard we are much obliged by your obtaining for we enclose the bill of Lading of Salt (indorsed) p Minerva also Invoice of Salt and one old Copper which we wish you to dispose of and place the proceeds to our credit. We shall be obliged by your consulting with Jos Roth who will be in New York on his return while respecting future business for the Minerva are be governed as he may think best. Please say to Capt Howland when he pays his postage bill that we have advanced the cost sum $4 for his owning his absence. We presume Capt Howland would like to return to N B as soon as the Ship is discharged in which case some person would be hired to take charge of the Ship

Yours &c
(Signed) B & R Roth & C

New Bedford Dec 2nd 1825

James Hall Esq
Pres[t] N E Mutual Ins Co

Dear Sir

Yours of the 30 ult[o] is rec[d] when we hired the money of your company it was the understanding that we might or not as we pleased keep the loan until the return of the Ship B Roth see our letter of Dec 29 1824 at the time of contracting said loan it was our calculation to retain it for two years at least. We think in reference to your letter above alluded to you will be satisfied on that point we had calculated to forward you the Int on said note with the several Amounts due on or before the 3d of next month when said Interest becomes due. Please forward us a statement of the Amount

Very Respectfully Your Friends
(Signed) B & R Roth & C

James Hall

Dec 8. 1825

We have yours of the 6th Inst before us, we will now state to you what were our views when we contracted the loan of $8000 from your office last year — we had the offer of a quantity of Spun Oil at what we considered a low price, but did not feel our warranted in purchasing it to manufacture unless we could obtain a loan of money for a considerable length of time, we requested our friends Messrs J Bradlee & Co to make application to you for said loan on bottomry of Ship Wm Rotch they informed us you could furnish us the Amt and at the rate of 5 pct per annum Int for the voyage of said ship, afterwards at your request we altered the security to you, to that of a joint note, being as you observed "more convenient to the office" but with the full understanding we should retain the money until the return of said ship, we did not consider the rate of Interest would at any time induce you to call on us for the same untill the arrival of the ship, unless you were dissatisfied with the security, which we should feel ourselves bound at any time to make satisfactory.

It was not the understanding when the loan was agreed on that we should pay the same whenever we pleased, altho without our requesting it you gave us this liberty in your letter of 29 Dec: but we should not feel ourselves warranted to take advantage of it, let the rate of Interest be much less than at the time our agreement was made, unless you fully acquiessed — We hope when you reflect on this subject, and refer to yours of the 29th Dec: you will agree with us in opinion, that you can not consistently call on us for said loan until the arrival of the Wm Rotch, but should you insist upon our complying with yours of the 6th Inst we must pay it. — Please send us a statement of the prem: due you. and Int on $ Note to 3 Jany when the Amt will be forwarded to Wm Rotch

Fish & Grinnell Dec^r 8. 1825

Should Capt Howland not have left New York we wish him to superintend under your directions the heaving out of the Minerva, repairing her copper, caulking, and heaving her furnished with what new rigging and sails that she may need, and in getting her in readiness for a voyage, when should no business offer, we shall endeavour to find some employment for her ourselves. — we know nothing but what we should be fully satisfied for Cap^t Howland to continue the command of her should he wish it. (on this subject you can better judge than ourselves)

On the return of J. Rotch we can better determine what to employ her

Yours &c

W R Rotch & Co

Henry Delius
Boston

Dec^r 9. 1825

Your fav from New Port of yesterday we have rec^d, but owing to the absence of M^r J. Rotch we could not be able to give you an answer, respecting the Minerva till the fore part of next week, when we expect his return. The Minerva we do not think would at £3.10 ₱ ton make more than £500 freight, being a small carrying vessel say from 5 to 600 tierces Rice — Should we conclude to send her to Charleston to load with Rice we should prefer putting in 150 to 200 tierces ourselves. —
We have ordered her to receive what necessary repairs she may need, & to be got ready for business as soon as possible. We will write you again on this subject on the return of M^r Rotch, when we may be induced to accept your offer, but at a freight not less than £3.10 ₱ ton 5 ₱ct primage

New Bedford Dec 23d 1825

Samel C Bunting

Respected Friend

Our object in writing you at this time is to request some advance made us on act of Oil & Candles which you have received from our Manufactory We shall feel ourselves much obliged if you could conveniently remit us by a check on sight at 5 days sight of Boston for $3000 or $3500 for us to receive it on or before the 7th of next month If you could not procure a draft for check on Boston one on New York will answer We thank you to give us as speedy answer as lays in your power by return mail Yours &c

(Signed) W. R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford 12 mo 27 1825

David Anthony

Respected Friend

We should be glad to avail ourselves of whatever amount there may be in cash for our acct for Sales of Oil and Candles please inform us by return of mail and oblige

Very truly thy Friends

(Signed) Wm R Rotch & Co

New Bedford 12 mo 27 1825

R J Rowland

Respected Friend

Annexed we send you Sales of thirty barrells Flour rec'd per Sch Jane Metcalf Prices One hundred twenty seven 78/100 due 3 mo 30 1826 which Amt when due will appear to your credit in Acct

Respectfully your Friends

(Signed) W R Rotch & Co.

Josiah Bradlee & Co New Bedford Dec. 27. 1825

Would it be agreeable to you to advance us about $1500 on acc. of Sales rendered but not due, and for property in your hands, of which Sales have not yet been received — If so we shall be particularly obliged by your paying the New England Marine Ins. Co. a/c Statement at foot the amt due them the 3d of next month say $1504 34/100 — if our Calculations are Correct

Should it not meet your views to comply with the above request, please inform us by return Mail and we will make other provision to pay them. —

Statement of prem.s on Cargo of Minerva

$8000	Ins. on Cargo from 12m. 26. 1823 to 5m. 26. 1825 is 17 Mos @ 6½ pct pr an		$ 73.67
4000	do — — — 5m. 26 1825 to 9m. 25 1825 — 4 Mos — — "		86.67
	1 pct on $8000 for additional liberty granted — — —		80. —
	½ pct on $4000 freight from Guy.s to Gibraltar — — —		100 —
Two prem.s Notes on Cargo B. Ins. Co. $390 & $61 — — $100			$1004.34
1 year Interest on joint note with Jos Rotch			
for $3000 at 5 pct due 18m. 3. — — — — —	400 — — —		500. —
			$ 1504.34

By not receiving any answer from our letter to Mr Hall of the 8th Inst. we presume he is satisfied that we are Correct respecting the loan made us by the Office

Yours &c

W. R. Rotch & Co

Elisha Hathaway & Co Jany 10. 1826

We have a pay.t to make to our mutual friend Wm Russell in Boston on the 24th Inst. of $3655. 08/100, will it be agreable & convenient to you at that time to place said amt to his Credit, on acc.t of the Sales which you have rendered us not due, & for property of ours in your hands, of which Sales have not yet been rendered. we would thank you by return mail to inform us if it is agreable for you to Comply with the above request. the difficulty of obtaining funds in Boston, makes us the more anxious to have the payment arranged in this way

Please inform us if you have receiv

the 2d Cask of Port wine of which we sent you the Bill lading some time since Yours truly
W. R. Rotch & Co

Capt Wm Howland
at New York

Janry 12. 1826

Enclosed we send you our acct made up from the papers you sent us, & as we could not ascertain what expenses the ship was at for Cabin passengers, we concluded to let you with one half the gross amt & allow the diff when we may meet, we concluded & agreed with Capt Lumbard in opinion that 10 pct on the amt of Steerage & forecastle passengers would be about right to allow you — You will observe we have paid W Allen amt of your note to Hussey & Allen, & have the Note & Mortgage in our possession — the Mortgage has never been recorded, therefore their simply giving it up is sufficient — Should there be any thing incorrect or not satisfactory in our ac with you it will be subject to revision at some future day

We hope soon to hear you have found some employment for the ship that may be profitable, There is a small balance of $7 or $8 due you for 8 bales of articles from the E Baxter, which W Allen says he has directed J Allen & Co N York to pay you, We also enclose you J Rotchs acct with you transferred to our books Your friends
W. R Rotch & Co

New Bedford Jan 16 1826

Elisha Hathaway & Co

Respected Friends

Your favr of the 12th Inst is before us and we notice your remarks we a little regretted that it was not in your power to negotiate the payment we wished as we did not wish quite yet to draw on London for some friendly which we have there — but we have

concluded to send you two sets of Exchange on London for £500 each at 30ds sight on Thos. Dickinson & Co. dated 16th & 17th Inst. endorsed by by to Rotch & Co which we hope you will be able to sell at an advance of not less than 8 pr ct on or before the 24 Inst. and on that day place to the credit of W. Russell the Amt. we pay $3655.28/100 and oblige very truly

Your Friends
W. R. Rotch & Co.

(Signed)

Wm Deane
Salem

Jan 17. 1826

Not having any correspondent in Salem we take the liberty of enclosing you the enclosed order from Andrew Cloris Jas Lem Foster for bearer for Fifty four 62/100 dollars. dated Guyaquil May 25. 1825 on George Nichols & Co. The order was acted by Capt Lumbard of our ship Minerva with whom Foster was mate you will observe the order is endorsed by him but payable to bearer. we presume Nichols & Co will not object to paying it should they decline please inform us. We shall be much obliged by your attention hereto. and if collected, some time when you are in Boston, place the amt to our Cr with J Bradlee & Co. or if more convenient remit the same to us

Very respectfully
Signed W. R. Rotch & Co.

Fish Grinnell & Co.

Jany 17. 1826

We have your favr of the 12th & notice what you remark respecting the Minerva we should be willing to sell her for Four thousand dollars, as she arrived from sea, we consider her real value more than this, but as she is not such a vessel as we now want we should be disposed to sell her for that amt. She is sound & strong. her timbers of live oak and red cedar. Capt Lumbard

speaks in high terms of her, she is a fast sailer and a good sea boat. —

We are obliged by your remarks respect a voyage to S. America, we have it some in contemplation to send Capt Clark in the Elen

Yours &c

W. R. Roteh & Co

New Bedford Jan 23d 1826

R. G. Howland

Your favr. 12 Inst to our friend WJ Rufell we requested him to answer and say to you that we should be likely to want all the funds which you could conveniently advance for ass & shipments of Oil & Candles made by you by him for his and our a/c in Baltimore — We have now to request you will do us the favr. to make some arrangements with H Dayton & Co of your city to place in their hands the Amt which Mr Rufell had in a former letter requested you to remit to N York from $4000 to $5000 we believe charging our acct with 3/4 the Amt & his acct with the other 1/4 for which we will draw to him. As H D & Co may not need this Amt for a week or two after rect of this you can advise with them & inform them the exact Amt you will pay them which will be good when there in Bank for our Friend in New York Hoping by the time the advance may be wanted it will be convenient for you to make the same

Yours &c

(Signed) W. R. Roteh & Co

Jan 23d 1826

Henry Payson & Co

Baltimore

Annexed we hand you you a letter of introduction from our friend Mr Birch lead to your house we intend dispatching our Bark Eliz Capt Ellwell with flour for P & A and that Capt Clark may meet with as little delay as possible we have thought advisable to give you this early information that you may commence purchasing his cargo say about 1800 bbls best H St Flour which we hope you will be able to do at from $4 3/4 to 4 7/8 per bbl. We have directed Mr R Howland of your city to place in your hands for our acct from four to five thousand dollars and for the remaining funds for purchasing of s.d cargo and advances to Capt Clark you will please draw on our friends Fish Grinnell & Co of York at 5 days sight to whom we have requested to honour your drafts for this purpose for our acct.

Very Respectfully

(Signed) B B Rotch & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co

Wm 24. 1826

We yesterday wrote our friends Henry Payson & Co Baltimore requesting them to purchase us a cargo of flour for our bark Eliz Capt Clark & authorising them to draw on you at 5 days sight for the balance that would be due them for said purchase say about $8000 on our acct — we have now to request you will do us the favour to accept their drafts for this object. — Above you have W Russells draft on you at sight for $300 being our 3/4 part of a remittance made you W.S. by Jno Harrison which please place to our Cr. — Enclosed you have two Letts of Exchange on Thos Dickason & Co London for £500 & £400 Stg at 30 days sight endorsed by B Rotch & Co which please Lect & place the proceeds to our Cr

at the date of Exchange is advancing we should prefer the bills not being sold immediately, but in time to meet the drafts of H Payson & Co for our a/c the acceptance of G G & S Howland for our a/c. we calculate will become due in time for the above purpose

Your friends
W. R. R & Co

Fish & Grinnell & Co

New Bedford Jan 28th 1826

We notice by the Ship Nimrod which arrived at your port the 23 Inst that Capt Charles Reives late master of the schooner Ariel came passenger by this mean D. Craig ship'spec 28 casks nails belonging to cargo of Ship Minerva bill lading for which we enclose and annex a copy of cost & Original Inv.e We shall be particularly obliged ~~to you~~ if you will call on him for sale of said nails and deciver the proceed

(Signed) W. R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford Jan 30 1826

Messrs Henry Payson & Co

Gentlemen

This will be handed you by our esteemed freind Capt Ellack of the Bark Ship Elizabeth who proceeds hence for your port for a cargo of Flour for Brazils of which we advised you on the 23d Inst We hope by the time he may arrive at Baltimore you will have ready for him to take on board the principal parts of his cargo Capt Clark is one half interested with us in said cargo and whatever he may suggest you will please be governed by and we will be satisfactory to us Trusting you will give him all needful assistance and a speedy dispatch

We remain Yours truly

(Signed) W. R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford Jan 30 1826

Capt Ebey Clark

Respected Freind

We herewith hand you a letter to our freinds Henry Dayon & Co Baltimore to whom we wrote on the 23d inst. to commence purchasing a cargo of Flour for the Bark Elizabeth and who no doubt by the time you arrive there will have a considerable part of the cargo ready to go on board whatever money you may need for supplies or for the vessell they will furnish you We likewise hand you a inv of 100 Boxes Sperm Candles which with your cargo of flour when on board you will proceed for Brazil and a market and on arrival to Rio de Janeiro you will exercise your own judgment with the advice of our freinds James Bright Read & Co wether to sell at that port or proceed further with the proceeds of your cargo you will invest for a return cargo to the United States or Europe in such produce as can be most advantageously laid in for such a market as you may select Should you be enabled to get freight after investing your funds sufficient to load the Bark for any particular port either in North Europe or the Mediterranean perhaps it would be for the interest of the voyage to accept it and lay in your cargo accordingly. This however and all other transactions of the voyage we leave entirely to your judgement being sensible whatever you may do will be with the intent for our interest and will give us entire satisfaction. In the event of going to the Mediterranean you will forward us the most early information and we will endeavour to meet with letters at Gibraltar in the case of our freinds Hill & Blodget to whom we would recommend you for any assistance which you may need and should it Please you would find the house of George A Moore most likely to transact your business for you satisfaction. For your services we shall calculate to

allow you the same Commission as on your former voyage the Brazils with $30 dolls pr month wages and one half nett Cabin passage money—&
There will be some small demands against several of your crew, the amt we will forward you at Baltimore & you will write us on leaving there whether any of them have deserted you— Wishing you a pleasant & more prosp. voyage than your last to the Brazils

We remain Yours
W & R Roth & Co.

New Bedford Feb 9th 1826

Messrs Henry Payson & Co

Gentlemen

Your favours of the 28th ult. and 2nd Inst have been duly recd and we have now the pleasure to inform you that the Elizabeth sailed this morning with a fine wind. Trusting you will give Capt Clark all despatch possible and all needfull assistance We remain with much respect

Yours truly
William R Roth & Co

(Signed)

D S Your draft for $5000 on our friends Fisk & Gouverneur Hs New York has been duly honoured as per letter of advice from them Yours W R Roth & Co.

E. Hathaway & Co. Nov 11. 1826

Enclosed we send you our bill of Exchange at 30 ds. sight on Thos Dickerson & Co London for £500 St endorsed by Wm Roth Jr. which please do us the favour to Sell and place the proceeds to our Credit. We shall be glad to receive your acct Current for the past year

Yours &
W. R. Roth & Co.

Feb 12 1826

Capt E Clark

Since you left here we have made application for Insurence on Cargo of the Elizabeth when on board & have agreed to give at the rate of 5 per ct p annum for six months as may have commenced when we wish risk to end waiving only half the premium in case of loss within 6 mos & the whole after that time we shall get from $10 to $11000 Insured conducted this would be the best way for the Insurance to be effected as now the ship & Cargo will be Ins. the whole time whatever port you may go to— Before you may have a dull time in getting to Baltimore

The wind having been ahead ever since you left Brannex (enclosed) agrees three of the crew which we have agreed to stop at the end of the voyage You will please bear in mind to inform us from Baltimore should any of them desert the memo. you had better attach to the Shipping paper for fear of its being forgotten Our friends H Day & Co. have drawn only $5000 on Acct of your Cargo the balance we presume they expected to receive from R & G Howland but should he not pay them soon or make arrangements to put them in funds when desired you request them to value for the on our friends Fish Grinnell & Co for our Acct as we do not wish them to be in advance for us Be assured every facility will be given you that you may not be delayed in taking your Cargo

Believe us

(Signed) D R R & Co

John Gordon Dr

To Thomas Williams	$17.12
" Titus Peck	8.50
" Thos Manning	10.
" Josiah Wood	17.70
	$53.32

Lindsey Watkins Dr

to Tom Williams	$30.39
" Titus Peck	5.25
	35.64
Josep Dekose Dr	
to Tom Williams	$7.89
Tom Manning	8
	15.89

New Bedford 2 mo 15th 1826

Fish Gunnell & Co

Respected Friends

By last evg. recd. from Douglas Anderson & Co London the enclosed duplicate letters with acct Sales & proceeds of the Cotton sold by Elevens Jr the purpose of paying the bill of Phelps & Co for £398..7 purchased by your Salesman at your request by which it appears that there is a deficiency of £40..6 after paying all expenses should J Phelps & Co not be willing to pay this balance do Fish & Gunnell consider themselves by their instruction to Elevens Jr to protect said bill purchased by our order in any way bound for the same since D Anderson & Co consented to recieve their pay in Cotton if so please inform us but if you do not we do not consider ourselves in any way bound as you will percieve by our letter to you 10 mo 25 1825 and we shall do nothing further about it of which inform Mr Bowie who we believe is in N York but if you are still holden to pay this balance will ~~will~~ immediately remit the same and look to our friends A Barclay & Co to refund the same We of course do not feel willing that you should be losers by this transaction & was done from the idea of our being responsible for the bill Please favor us an answer here to by return Mail

Very truly Your friends

(Signed) D R Tobey & Co

New Bedford March 10 182

Messrs Alexr Barclay & Co.
Gothenburg

Gentelemen

We now do ourselves
the pleasure to acknowledge your favour of the 18 No
We have omitted writing you on the subject of the
balance due for the Bark Elizabeth's Cargo of Iro
last spring with the hope that the bill which
at the request of your agent Mr Bowie we ordered
purchased and remitted your friends Messrs Lloyd
Anderson London would have been cancelled by the
proceeds of the cotton which they agreed to receive
in payment thereof but we are informed by Mr
Bowie there is a deficiency of £40/6 which he request
us to ~~defend~~ refund. When Mr Bowie rece informa
tion that the bill was noted for non acceptance he
wrote us and requested we would make provision
for again paying him for the bill you drew on us, we
herewith send you a copy of our reply thereto which
is equally applicable to a part as the whole and
will give you our Ideas respecting ~~the~~ any responsibil
on our part with regard to the bill. We feel ourselves
under obligations to you for the advance you mad
us and when your bill was presented us for acceptanc
and Mr Bowie made known his wishes to us
that he should like to have a bill on London
for the Amt we immediately offered (purely to
accommodate him) to send to our friends in bill
N York and have a bill purchased the first, to be
immediately forwarded to your friends and the oth
sent to us which we gave to Mr Bowie when he
cancelled your bill on us we have not the least
Idea of incurring ~~the~~ any responsibility in this
transaction it was unnecessary that we should
as your draft on us was payable here it would ha
suited us equally as well if we had paid the Amt when

but we knew it would be attended with more inconvenience for him to purchase a bill in London with his funds in this place than it would for us. You will thus perceive by these remarks and the copy of our letter to Mr Morris that we do not consider either in justice or equity we were bound to repay the bill had it been returned on any part of it But should be your opinion that we ought to refund the balance we will do it and you will please charge us with the Amo and inform your friends in London Should we not have a repeal in Lothenbury this fall we will remit you the Amt.

With respect your friends
(Signed) W R Roteh & Co.

New Bedford 3 Mo. 15 1826

Fish Grinnell & Co.

Respected Friends

We have now to request you will do us the favour to have purchased a quantity of second hand Sperm Oil casks sufficient when filled with water to ballast the Minerva and say to Capt Howland it is our wish that he would have sufficient men to navigate the ship and bring her home should no employment offer previous to being ready to leave We should be glad when convenient you would forward us her Accounts

Very respectfully
Your Friends
(Signed) W R Roteh & Co.

Fish Grinnell & Co

New Bedford 3 mo 18. 182

In our letter of the 15th Inst we requested you would purchase sufficient Sperm Oil Casks to fill with water for ballast for the Minerva We now wish you would procure us a quantity in all not exceeding 800 barrels, all Sperm Oil Casks, the kinds preferred would be pipes (not made from Shooks), large hogsheads, and tierces, small kinds not desirable — Should you find that you could get this quantity & at a price not exceeding about two Cents ₱ gallon, we would suggest your employing some good Cooper to select them, getting liberty in the purchase to reject such as he should say were not merchantable from broken staves &c, and pay him something extra for his trouble, charging the Cost of Casks & expenses title del[d] to the Ship to our a/c

Yours &c

W. R. Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 3 mo 17

Fish Grinnell & Co

Respected Friends

Your favour of 2nd Inst was duly rec[d]. we concluded you would consider yourselves at liberty to act in the way that would be most for our interest respecting the Elizabeth Iron or we should have answered your letter immediately. Should you be satisfied with the security which the Purchaser will give we think you had better recieve it but should the person which he may offer be such that you would not feel willing now to make a sale for we had better retain the Iron. We shall be entirely satisfied in whatever manner you may arrange with the Purchaser of the Iron knowing that our best interest will be consulted With much Esteem we remain Your friends

(Signed) Wm R Rotch & Co

Rich^d J. Howland March 28. 1826

Your fav^r of the 9th inst informing you had paid Henry Payson & Co for our acc^t $1800 was duly rec^d We had hopes you would have paid them a larger am^t than this, we infer from their letter of the 22^d that this sum is all you have paid them, as they have drawn on our friends for the balance of our acc^t —

We have now to request as soon as you are in a situation to make us more advances, you would remit the same to our friends in New York, Fish Grinnell & Co requesting them to place 3/4 th^s of each remittance to our credit & 1/4 to the credit of Wm J Russell, & charge our acc^t in the same proportion on your books — We should be glad to avail ourselves of an additional advance soon, on acc^t of property of ours in your hands, as we had anticipated more from you, & have need of funds in New York

The $1800 you p^d H.P & Co you may charge us with 3/4 and Wm J Russell 1/4, as we have p^d him here

Yours &c
W R Roteh & Co

New Bedford 4 Mo 4 1826

E Mathewey & Co
Respected Friends

Our object in addressing you at this time is to enquire whether in the event of your not being able to negotiate the loan which Mr Russell wrote you respecting you would pay three fourths of the note & interest to be B Howland due 25 Inst say $1270. We are aware you will not be in funds that Am^t for our acc^t short of three months from that time & had appropriated the Am^t in your hands for the purpose of paying said note and as the time is short before the Sales become due we hope you will be able to accommodate us should you not succeed in obtaining the loan

Very Respectfully
Your Friends W R Roteh & Co

(Signed)

Fish Grinnell & Co

New Bedford 4 mo 10. 1826

Enclosed we send you our Bill of Exchange for £600 ster. on Thos Dickason & Co London 60 days sight, endorsed by Jos Rotch, which please see, & the proceeds place to our credit — By referring to our books we find you are in advance for us including $800 p.o for our W Pks acc.o about $2200. which am.o we should be glad to remain to be liquidated by Sales of Ice & candles not rendered. & two Shipments of Ice to N. Orleans made by your W Grinnell, the proceeds of ace which we think will not be less than $5000 — We have drawn on you this day at 5 ds sight fav J Richeson Cash $500 on acc.o of the Exchange We debit you with $64.80 for 30 Galls Port Wine, being the Cost

Yours &c

W. & R. Rotch & Co.

Sam.l C. Bunting

4 mo 11. 1826

We should be very much obliged if you would do us the fav.r to advance us $1000 on acc.t of Sales of Ice & Candles sent you not rendered, and remit s.d amo to our friends Elisha Hathaway & Co Boston, & request the same placed to our Cr. — We regret to be under the necessity of troubling you in this way, but the State of markets for Ice has obliged us to hold ours back in a good degree, & we are in need of Funds to meet our purchases of Ice made last Summer on time

Yours &c W. & R. Rotch & Co

Rich.d G. Howland New Bedford Apl 12. 1826

Your favour 10th inst. annexing Invoice & bill lading 135 barrels flour was duly received. The Sch.r Jane arrived this afternoon — there is a considerable quantity of flour now here, and more daily expected, the demand for it at present is small, but will be greater when the Brazil whalemen arrive 70 bbls S.r Fine Genesee flour was sold a few days since at $4 50/100. we shall put yours in store, and hope to obtain $4 75/100 and perhaps more should it advance at the South. —

Respectfully Yours
W. A. Rotch & Co.

Elisha Hathaway Esq.r New Bedford 12.th 1826

Since our's of the 8.th Inst we have been endeavouring to effect some arrangement by which we could draw on you at 60 day or obtain a loan for that time that we might be able to remit you a considerable part of the amount of our joint note with Wm.m Russell to D. B. Howes but have been unsuccessful all our bank will not discount any this month and we cannot obtain any from individuals. We send you above our draft endorsed by W.m Russell pay.e 26 Inst.t on Josiah Bradlee & Co. for $450 18/100 and we have written our friends Samuel C Bunting Phil.a to forward you $1000 and our friends Fish Grinnell & Co. New York also $1000 these sums together with the balance due us from you 5 mo 2nd $1750 makes $4200 we also annex a request from Wm.m Russell to advance him $800 and place to our Cr. on Acc.t his part of said note which leaves $1360 for you to advance us on the Sale to the Amt. of $3800 Renewed but not due which Amt. we hope you will be able to obtain The remittances requested from Phil.a and New York we have no doubt will meet with you in season In the mean time however if you can obtain a loan for us

for five or six thousand dollars we should prefer it
If you cannot make out the desired balance you will
advise us in due time Very Respectfully
Your Friends
(Signed) B R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 4 mo 13 1826

Fish Goinnell & Co.
Respected Friends
We shall be particularly
obliged if you will do us the favour to procure a
check on Boston for One thousand dollars and
remit the same to Elisha Hathaway & Co for our Acct
before the 25 Inst We hope you will be in funds
from Sales for Exchange in time for this purpose
Very truly Your friends
(Signed) B R Rotch & Co.

New Bedford 4 mo 15 1826

Fish Goinnell & Co.
Respected Friends
Enclosed we send you
two bills of Exchange on London as follows
£ 341.11.9 drawn at Buenos Ayres Jany 12 by
Felix Castro at 60 days sight to the order of Wm R.
Rotch & Co. on Sir Wm Ingleby Bart M.P. Chairman
Geo Holmes Esq M.P. Deputy Chairman James
Hunter Esq & other Directors of the ~~Potosi~~ Potosi
Lapaz & Peruvian Mining Association London
281.19.8 Drawn by the same at 60 days sight to the
£623.2.5 order of the same and on the same association
London. These two bills are the first of their respe-
ctive sets. when the seconds & thirds are rec'd which
we expect by the first arrivals from Buenos Ayres
they shall be forwarded you. As we are unacquainted
with the situation of this Association we wish you
before you offer the bills for sale you would make

some enquiries respecting their steneing and should you finer it doubtfull and think we better send the risk of their being protested. you will please forward them to Correspondency in London Thomas Dickinson & Co by our request and have them collected for our Acc.t but we hope there will be no necessity for this. We have a note addressed to to Capt.n Hammond from Zimmerman Fearon & Co after describing these bills saying" Having been requested by you to guarantee these two bills and not being able to change the endorsement in consequence of Mr Castro's having already advised his drafts as been drawn to the order of Wm. R. Roteh & Co we hereby hold ourselves responsible for the Amt of said bills in the same manner as if they had been endorsed by us" You will therefore have the goodness to inform Z & Co. of the above should you forward them that the needfull may be done in the event of their not being paid. The proceeds of s.d bills should you sell them you will please place to our Cr. and advise us the Amt.

Yours &c

(Signed) W. R. Roteh & Co

Messrs Zimmerman & Co

April 24. 1826

Yours of the 23d is rec.d informing us you had taken the two bills of Exchange yourselves. the course you have pursued with them is very satisfactory Enclosed we send you the Second & Third of each Sett—

We drew on the 20th at 5 ds Sight for $1000 pay to the

this day — at 5 ds — do — $2000 — do

which please do us the favr to honour

Yours &c

W. R. Roteh & Co

R. G. Dowland 5 Nov. 1826

Annexed we hand you Sales 135 bbls flour Nett proceeds $545.07 dues Ons 5.— We regret not having been able to realize a greater price for the flour, but there being a large quantity here, and more daily expected & offered at $4½ induced us to close the sale — The price of manufac'd oil has avanced to 70 & 73 Cts ₵ gall in N York & Boston, and will probably go still higher, we hope the ensuing fall you market will offer us inducements to make you further shipments —

Yours &c

N. B. Potter & Co.

New Bedford May 17. 1826

Messrs. Hill & Bloagee

Gentlemen

By the arrival of the Minerva we rec'd. your letter of the 17 Nov since which we have without any of your favours. Our letter of 8 Nov requesting you to remit the balance of the Minerva Acc and the proceeds of Cocoa to our friends in London Messrs Dickinson & Co we presumed was duly rec'd. by you We have We have omitted writing you in the daily expectation we should receive from you but it being now six months since the date of the last letter we have from you we cannot but press your attention to informing us what progress you have made in the sale of Cocoa and whether you have made any remittances as requested Trusting we shall soon have the pleasure of hearing from you

We remain with respect

Your Obt. Servts

(Signed) Messrs. N. Potter &

New Bedford 6th June 1826

Mr. John B Aguirre
Bilboa

Dear Sir

We now do ~~our~~ ourselves the pleasure to acknowledge the rect. of your favour 14 Nov by Capt Clark with Bills of the Elizabeth Cargo of Whale Oil also your letters of information of the 23 Dec & 18th Feb. We have concluded to load our ship Minerva Capt Wm Hammond with another cargo of Whale Oil for your Market and we herewith enclose you Invoice and bill of Lading of the same which we hope you will be able to dispose of at good prices on arrival tho we are aware this cargo is rather large for your market but as there has not been any shipments made this season we entertain a hope you may readily find a purchaser for the whole at price that will pay us a profit on the Invoice without incurring the expence of storage. The proceeds of the cargo as also that of freight (after furnishing Capt Hammond what funds he may need from the freight A/c for use of Ship) we wish remitted to our friends in London Messrs Thomas Dickinson & Co. requesting them to place to our credit. We would thank you to keep the ships and the cargo A/cs distinct. as the concerns are different. We should be pleased ~~to~~ if you could procure Capt Hammond a freight to the United States or elsewhere that ~~they~~ may suit him otherwise to return to us. Whatever advice or assistance Capt Hammond may need while with you you will confer ~~on~~ a favour on us by endeavoring him

With esteem your friends (Signed) Wm R Rotch & Co

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P. S. Perhaps purchasers may decline at first to take the cargo on acc^t of the quantity, but as there will not probably any follow this cargo immediately from this Country, it may be expedient to make preparations for storing it or a part which may induce them to come forward we however leave it all to your good judgement knowing our best interest will be consulted in whatever course you may pursue — Yours W R Rotch & C^o

Jam^s C. Bunting

New Bedford June 8. 1826

We notice by the average Sales of the oil & candles for our acc^t there is about $1800 due us, we shall be obliged if you will remit in the course of this month $2000 to our friends in New York Fish Grinnell & C^o requesting them to place the same to our acc^t

Yours &c

W. R. Rotch & C^o

R G. Rowland

June 8^th 1826

We have yours of the 1^st Inst^t informing us of the non payment of E Tysons & T. Ellicotts notes for Candles Sold them for acc^t of W T Russell & ourselves — We hope you will use your best exertions to obtain the payment of these notes whenever an opportunity may present, and if you think it for our interest to exchange T. Ellicotts Note, for Notes of $50 each payable monthly, you are at liberty to do it, or to make any other arrangement that may conduce to the more speedy payment of these demands — If you can get Lynch & Crafts Note for Oil due 10th^o 15/18 for $4630 57/100 discounted, and remit $4500 to our friends in New York, Fish Grinnell requesting them to place 3/4ths to our C^r and 1/4th to the C^r of W. T Russell, it would accomodate us very much — Should you not be able to effect this when the Note has four months to run, perhaps you can when

it has but three — Your attention hereto will much oblige Your friends

Sign'd W. A. Roteh & Co

Nepr. Hill & Blodget
Gibralter

New Bedford July 1. 1826

Our last respects were of the 17th of may, and we still remain without any advice from you respecting the property in your hands belonging to us, left with you by Capt. Howland of our Ship Minerva — You certainly must have received our letter of the 8th Nov. (duplicate of which your Mr. Hill rec. in Boston) requesting you to remit the bal. of the Ships freight money and the proceeds of her Cocoa to our friends Tho. Dickason & Co. London — We have felt somewhat anxious in not hearing from you it being now seven & a half months since the date of the last advice we have from you, in which time great changes have taken place, effecting the standing of many houses in Europe; we have corresponded with our mutual friends Fish Grinnell & Co New York (to whom you refer) and are pleased to find the standing of your house is unimpaired, they inform us they have written you, requesting your prompt attention to our wishes — On rec. of this should you not have remitted the Cash left with you or the proceeds of the Cocoa, you will particularly oblige us by remitting whatever Amo. you may be in funds for our a/c as before advised —

We sincerely hope that we shall soon have the pleasure of a satisfactory close to this busines —

We remain Your Fds.

Sign'd Wm A. Roteh & Co —

R.G. Howland New Bedford July 8. 1826

We wrote you on the 8th Ult.o to which we have not rec.d your reply; we requested you would do us the favour to have Lynch & Clapts note discounted, and remit to our friends Fish Grinnell & Co. New York $4500 — one fourth to be placed to the C. of W Thurber and ¾ to our C.r —
Should you not have done as we requested on rec.t of this, you will particularly oblige us by attending to the same & complying to our wishes

Your friends
W. & R. Rotch & Co

Nalbro' Frazier Esqr. New Bedford July 15. 1826
of the house of Zimmerman Frazier & Co. at Buenos Ayres —

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty of informing you, that the two bills of Exchange on London which were purchased by your house at B. Ayres, and guaranteed by them for our acc.t have been noted for non acceptance — said bills are as follows —

£341.11.9 Drawn Jan.y 12 by Felix Castro at 60 ds. Sight order of Msrs. W & R Rotch & Co. on Sir Wm. Ingleby Bar.t M.P. Chairman, Wm. Holmes Esqr. M.P. deputy Chairman, James Hunter Esqr. and others directors of the Potosi La Paz & Peruvian Mining Apociation London —

£281.10.8 Drawn by the same at 60 days sight, order of the same, on the same Association London —
£623.2.5

An attested copy of the protest for non acceptance has been forwarded to B. Ayres —

Understanding you were now in Philad.a we have thought it proper to consult with you respecting said bills, & in the event of their not being paid at maturity, whether you would make good the payment of them to us in this country, or expect us to make our claim on your house in B. Ayres — We are induced to make these inquires under an impression

in the event of the final dishonour of the bills an arrangement may be made mutually advantageous — altho' the bills are not endorsed by your house, we have a letter of guarantee for the same, discribing the bills, and saying — "We hereby hold ourselves responsible for the Amo. of said bills, in the same manner as if they had been endorsed by us." —

We should be pleased by your answer hereto, and remain

With much respect
Your friends
(Sign.) Wm. R. Roberts & Co —

Saml. C. Bunting
Respt. fid.

July 13. 1826

We shall be much obliged by your doing us the favour to hand the enclosed Letter for Nalbro' Frazier Esqr to him, his address is to the care of Messrs. Perit & Cabot, and accept our thanks for the trouble it may give you —

very truly your friends —
Sign. Wm. R. Roberts & Co —

R. G. Woodland.

July 24. 1826

We have yours of the 18 Inst and the contents noticed, should you not advise us before the 15th next of month of being able to have the note due 15/18 Oct. discounted, we will on that day draw on you at 60 days for $4600. which you will please pay and charge ¾ to acc° of W. & Russell and ¾ths to our acc°

There is but little flour here at present, Bal. County flour new $5 ⅞ 60 days by the quantity 150 to 200 bbls would probably be disposed of in a short time — Of Southern corn there is very little in market — last sales from the vessel at 86 cents 90 cts is asked from store — 2 or 3000 bushels would find a market — Our prices of these articles at this season of the year are

regulated by their cost at the South. with the addition of freight, charges & a small profit — Should you think it an object to make us a Shipment, you will please write us by Mail, as we may be able to make Sale of a part before it arrives

Yours &c
W. B Rotch & Co

Thomas Dickason & Co 7th mo 29 1826
London

On the 9th ult. we dispatched our Ship Minerva Capt Hammond with a Cargo of Sperm 1200 Bls whale Oil for Bilboa and enclosed our friend Wm Aguirre to remit the proceeds to your house which please do us the favor to receive & advise us of the same. Should our friend Benjamin Rodman have occasion to use more funds in your hands than he may have provided, you are at liberty to place to the amount of one thousand pounds to his credit advising us of the amount so placed.

We have a letter from our Juniors at Gibraltar Hill & Hoadley, dated 20th may 1826 in which they write after mentioning property of ours in their hands as follows — "Thinking you may wish to realize on this property you may with perfect confidence draw on our particular friends Thomas Dickason for one thousand pounds, or twelve hundred, if it suits you better" — In consequence of this assurance we have this day drawn on you at 60 Days sight for Twelve hundred pounds, favr of Fith Grinnell & Co in two Bills one for Seven hundred pounds & the other for five hundred pounds, which please do us the favour to accept & should our friends at Gibraltar not have attended to make provision for the same, at their maturity you will particularly oblige us ~~to~~ by Charging the same to our account, to be reimbursed from

the proceeds of the Minerva's Cargo at Bilboa

We had some time since requested Hill & Bloxsom to remit the proceeds of our property in their hands to your house, & agreeably to that request should they remit you the amt. of their bills to be placed to our credit, their bills of course must be charged to us.

We shall this day write Hill & Bloxsom informing them of our having drawn on you

our acct

With Grinnell &c. July 29. 1826

Enclosed you have two sets of Exchange on Thomas Dickason & Co London one for £700 & £500, making £1200 ll & 60 ll as sight, in your favour which please take & place the proceeds to our Credit. We have this day written our frs T Dickason & Co (which we enclose request you will forward the first opportunity) informing them of our having drawn said bills, and request them if they should Hill & Bloxsom not provide for them to charge the amt to our acct to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the ship Minerva's Cargo at Bilboa which we have ordered remitted to them.

Your Lor. Grinnell requests us to say to you to write to your Junior Geo. Wilds & Co to protect said Bills should Dickason & Co at their maturity not pay them. — We shall be particularly obliged by your so doing, tho' we do not think there is any doubt but what H & B have provided for them —

we are

T. Dickason & Co
added to duplicate

JR. 31. 1826

It is the meaning in the liberty given to B Rodman that the Am. used by him shall arise from the remittances from Bilboa when due. & in the event of your not receiving said remittances of course this liberty will be void —

Yours &c

Hill & Blodget — New Bedford July 29. 1826

We are happy to acknowledge rec.t of your fav.r 20 May. we had began to be a little uneasy from not hearing from you, as you will perceive by our last letters, owing to the great length of time since your last letter of the 17th Nov.r — We notice your remarks respecting the dull sale for Cocoa but hope you will endeavour to make a speedy finish to this business, and as before requested, remit the Amt that may be due us to our friends in London T. Dickason & Co — In consequence of the liberty given in your letter we have this day drawn on T. D & Co for £1200 in two bills at 60 days sight one for £700 the other for £500 Stg to be charged to your acct, and have advised them of the same, and mentioned our having requested you to remit them for our acct, which should you have done, to place the bills to our acct — Should (therefore on acct of this) you not have made provision for this Amt either by placing the Amt to our Cr or your own, you will please give it immediate attention that they may be in funds before the bills become due — We have no advise from T. D & Co giving us liberty to draw on them for your acct

Your Ob.t —

Fish Grinnell & Co. — 8mo 11. 1826

We shall be obliged by your rendering Capt. Sam.l Lumbard assistance in purchasing a rope for ourselves & others, should he find one that may suit him. We should prefer having a Cr of four or six months on the purchase if it could be conveniently obtained, otherwise we would thank you to furnish the needful for our acct —

(Sig.d) W R & Co —

E. Hathaway & Co — New Bedford 8 Mo 12. 1826

We shall be obliged by your calling at the N.E.M In. Co office and take up our note to them due 5 Mo last for $126 prem on Eliz and charge our acc with the same. — By the Pomona W.I.R intends sending you some Lemmon Oil

Yours &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

E Hathaway & Co — Augt 28. 1826

By request of our mutual friend Wm Gunnell Jr. we have to to request you will do us the favour to place three hundred dollars to his Cr and charge our acc with the same — We presume our letter of the 12th Inst was rec by you

Very respectfully &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

Thos Dickason & Co — 8 Mo 30. 1826

Since our last respects of the 29th Ult we have rec Yours of the 15th July covering your acc Current to that date balance in our favr £28. 19. 7 to our Cr in new acc which is Correct & we have Conformed our books thereto — We have advices from our friends at Gibraltar Hill & Blodget that they have remitted you for our acc £1450. 5. 10 which we hope you have rec, you will therefore please charge us with the bills for £700 & £500 drawn 7 Mo 29 at 60 days sight

We are &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

R G Howland — 9 Mo 6. 1826

Annexed we hand you Sales 100 bbls flour rec per Sch Sophronia & proceeds $463.80/100 due 10 Mo 22 placed to your Cr in acc which we hope may be satisfactory — had there been twice this quantity we could have disposed of it at this price

Yours &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co. New Bedford June 6. 1826

We wish you to purchase for us in the course of two weeks from this the following quantity of sheathing Copper for our Ship Phenicia

Say 200 Sheets 18 Oz
180 " 20 "
180 " 24 "
560 Sheets — Should you be obliged to buy th
Sizes wished, we should prefer the 24 or lessened cal
than enlarged — Should there be a prospect of the ar
riving, you can purchase it immediately

Yours &
W. & Rotch.

Rich^d G. Howland June 11. 18

We have your favr. of the 5th Inst
and note your offer to make us a further remi
to N. York — We are desirous to close the acc
accounts from the last Stock of Oil, & it will obl
us if you would render us our acc^o Current & Ch
us with the bad debts made, and remit the bala
to our friends Fish Grinnell & Co N. York — Co Rus
requests us to say he wishes you to do the same
with his acc^t — We shall send you by ha
Jane to Sail the last of this week the Sperm
Cake which you think you can dispose of — plea
in your next say if you can dispose of a furth
quantity —

Yours
W & R & Co

New Bedford Sept. 15. 1826

mes Birckhead & Co
Rio de Janeiro.

Gentlemen. We have the pleas
to acknowledge rect. of your favour of 18th July
per Elizabeth, She arrived at New York after
passage of 48 days. We have concluded not
send her back to Rio at present, tho' well
leased with the termination of her last voyage

We take the liberty to send you the
closed two bills of exchange drawn at Buenos
res 12 Jany 1826 by Felix Castro in our favour or
Director of the Rio de Plata & Peruvian Mining
sociation London, one bill for £341.11/6 Sterling
other £281.16.8 Ster. which bills have been pro-
ted. the protest together with a letter from
mmerman Davis & Co to Sept. Hammond, guaran-
ing their payment; we also enclose and have to ask the
vour of you to have these bills forwarded
d collected with the interest and expenses thereon
London, and the amount remitted us either
Produce or Specie, as you may think most
our interest either to New York or Boston.

shall feel particularly obliged by your giving
business the needful attention. and should

New Bedford Sept 15. 1826

man Farrier & Co

Buenos Ayres

Gentlemen.

We regret being under
essity of informing you that the bills
ange purchased by you of Felix Castro
Victor. Lafar & Peruvian Mining associ-
by order of Capt Hammond for our ac-
ting to $ 633. 2..3 ft. have been protested
bills with the protest and your letter
Hammond guaranteeing the payment
bills. we have forwarded to our friends
Birkhead & Co Rio de Janeiro, requesting
devise some way to have the bills
ed you for collection and the am.t with
and interest to be remitted them for
e.t We trust you will facilitate
hes in having the am.t remitted to Rio.
most favourable manner whenever a
pportunity may present. —

We intend sending Capt Hammond to
ea this fall, to be employed similarly
t he was in the Alliance. Should the
you see fit to admit it in the Rio Mercur.

Respectfully Your friends

William & Isaac Rotch

Tho$ Dickason & Co$ New Bedford Jan$ 23. 182

Since our last respects of the 30th ult$ we are in receipt of yours favour of the 4th Inst$ advising of Bill of Blodgett of Gibraltar remittance for our acc$ £1450..5..10 — Our friend I. B. Aguirre of Bilboa advises us under date 21 July that he shall make you a remittance on the next day for our acc$ which we hope in due course will be rec$ by you — We have this day Called on you at 60 days sight Jas$ Fish Gunnell & Co$ for £250 Stg which please honour —

Very respectfully
W. A Hotchkiss & Co$

I. P. Hutchinson Esq$ New Bedford Sep$ 23. 1826

We have from time to time rec$ your esteem favours with advices of the state of your market, also the two pipes of old Port wine which has proved very fine, the cost of which as you have directed we have paid Leon$ Gunnell Jr —

Capt Black and ourselves are now loading our Bark Eliz$ at New York with pipe staves for Lisbon, and shall consign the vessel and Cargo to your care — from your latest advices, we are induced to believe the staves will pay us a good freight — We should be pleased if you could obtain a freight for the Elizabeth to the United States, but if not, you will please put on board sufficient salt to put her in a good set of ballast, and if you could send us 100 boxes Oranges and 20 boxes Lemons at a price that would probably pay a freight, we should like to have them, if the vessel returns here. — We shall also send you 200 boxes Sperm$ Candles which we hope you will be able to dispose of in the course of the winter — With the balance that may be due us from the Eliz$ Cargo, after furnishing Capt$ Parker with the necessaries for the use of the vessel, and paying for her return Cargo (if any) you will please either remit to us in bills on this Country, or should it be more to our interest to remit to London, you will please remit the same to our friends Tho$ Dickason & Co$ —

The proceeds of the Candles also when realized you will please remit as may appear most advantageous. —

Capt. Clark is now in N. York and whatever directions differing from what you have herewith, which he, or our friends Fish Quinnen & Co may suggest, you will oblige us by conforming thereto —

Yours &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish Quinnen & Co New Bedford June 23. 1826

We herewith send you our bill of Exchange for £250 Stg at 60 days sight in your favour on T. Dickason & Co London, which please sell when you may think it most advisable, and the proceeds place to our credit. —

Respecting the Elizabeth, you will perceive by our letter to J. P. Hutchinson that whatever you or Capt Clark may suggest we wish him to be governed by, and we wish you would assist Capt Clark in whatever arrangement with her he may think most advantageous, as well as to instructions to Capt Packer — By the Expt to sail next third or fourth day we shall send 200 boxes Candles to go in her. — We send you a letter for T. Dickason & Co London which please forward

Yours truly
W. R. Rotch & Co

Thos Dickason & Co June 30. 1826

Confirming our last respects of the 23d Inst we have since (which rec'd your fav 12 Inst advising of a remittance for our acc't from M. R. Iguine of Bilbao £1285.19.2

We have this day valued on you £250 Stg at 60 days sight fav Fish Quinnen & Co which please ~~do not be good~~ honour & place to our acc't doblige

Yours truly
W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co N. Bedford Nov 29. 1826

Enclosed we send you our Bill of Exchange of this date for £250 St. at 60 days sight, which please see & the proceeds place to our Cr.

The enclosed letter to T. Dickason & Co please forward

Yours &

W. R Rotch & Co

Rich'd G. Howland Oct 5. 1826

Your favr 28 ult. is before us with your acct Current to to 22 Sept which we have examined and find Correct. and the balance due us $1939.98 after crediting you with Tyson & Elliots (Notes) Carried to your debit in new acct which we hope you will remit to N York when the ten days have expired — Respecting our market for flour we think from 100 to 150 bbls could be readily disposed of at a trifling advance from Cost & Charges, our market being governed in a great measure by the value of this article in N York with the addition of expenses &c

Yours &c

W. R. Rotch & Co

Oct 9. 1826

R G Howland

If on acct of this you have not remitted the balance of ours & to T Russell acct to N. York we wish you would pay over the same to our friends H Payson & Co to our Cr as we have occasion for funds in their hands

Yours &c

The above has my sanction W. R Rotch & Co

Signed W Russell

Henry Payson & Co. 10 mo 9: 1826
Baltimore

We contemplate sending our Ship Minerva Capt. Hammond to Baltimore to load with Flour for the Brazils to leave here by the 1st of next month — thinking it may be more advantageous to purchase the flour now, to waiting untill the Ship arrives with you. we have to request you will purchase for us 1500 ~~bbls~~ bbls. best Howard Street flour suited for the Brazil markets.

If you can purchase now at five dolls. or under we think you had better do it only in your opinion it will decline before we shall want it — It will be in time to get half barrels after the Ship arrives and the number wanted ascertained —

For funds for the payment for the cargo & the disbursments of the Ship we provide as follows —

Sales rendered of Candles for acct W J Rapine & ourselves — say $900. —

Amo. we have this day requested R G Rowland to pay over to you unless he has remit. it to N York — say 2800. —

We shall send you by Minerva 1000 boxes Candles — and 100 bbls Spms. Oil to dispose of which with the proceeds of Oil & Candles in your hands will amo. to rising $5000. — on which you would oblige us by advancing say — 3800. —

$7500. —

For the bals. you will please draw on our frds. Fish Grinnell & Co N York as well as for the amo we have request Mr Rowland to pay you should he have remit — & your drafts will be honored for our a/c what ever amo you may advance on a/c of our Candles in your hands belong. to W J R & others you will please charge him with ~~$~~ & oblige

Yours &c

10 mo 9th 1825

Fish Grinnell & Co.

We have this day written our friends Henry Payson & Co. Baltimore, authorising them to purchase a Cargo of flour for our Ship Minerva & have directed them to value on you for the bal.ce of funds which they may deficient the amo. will probably be about $2000.— unless R G Rowland should have remitted the amo. he has belonging to us & N J R to you — which we had directed him to do amg. to $2800.— in that case they will need $4800 — you will oblige us by honouring their offs. for this object & charge our Acct. with the same —

By your M T & G we have sent you a bill on London for £250 to be disposed of also by the Experiment sailed the 2. Inst. another bill for the like sum — we have no tidings from either of them hope they came safe to hand — Yours —

(sig.d) W R Robb & Co —

Henry Payson & Co. Oct 13. 1825

Since our last respects of the 9th Inst. we have noticed that flour has advanced a little with you, and we have now to remark should you be of the opinion that it will not decline before the first of next month below the present quotations of $5¼ you are at liberty to purchase for us the 500 barrels at that price —

Yours &c

W. R. Robb & Co

Thos Dickason & Co

New Bedford 10m 18. 1826

In confirming our last respects of the 30th ult. we have now to acknowledge rec of your favours of the 5th & 9th Sept. — the latter advising of a further remittance for our acc from J Baquire of £968..8..3. —

We have made a shipment to Lisbon the proceeds for which we have directed our friend I. P. Hutchinson to remit to you, unless it should be more to our interest for the remittance to be made on this country, the am will probably be about £1000. —

We have this day drawn on you for Fish Grinnell & Co at 60 days sight for £988 in two bills, one for £500 the other for £488. which please honour & place to our acc

Your friends

W. R. Rotch & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co

10m 18. 1826

We herewith send you our two Letts of Exchange on Thos Dickason & Co London in your favour at 60 ds sight — One for £500 the other for £488, which please see & the proceeds place to our credit —

T. D & Co advise us the bills drawn in your favr for £700 & £500 have been "punctually honoured" The enclosed letter for them please forward —

Yours &

W. R. Rotch & Co

Josiah Bradlee & Co

10m 24. 826.

At the request of our W. R. Rotch we send you above I. Richetson Cash check on the City bank Boston for $725 37/100 being the am of your sight against him with Int to 26 Inst

Respectfully &c

W. R. Rotch & Co

James Brickhead & Co
Rio de Janeiro

Baltimore 27th November 1826

Gentlemen

We have now the pleasure to advise you from this City, by our Ship Minerva Capt W Cammond which we have loaded here with a Cargo of Baltimore H Flour destined for your Port and a Market We commend Capt W Cammond for the necessary aid he may need in transacting his business to your friendly Care and attn

We wrote you some time since via New York per Brig Pascaloola, enclosing protested bills of Exchange on London drawn at Buenos Ayres also a le of Guarantee for the same from Zimmerman Frazier & Co which we trust ere this have safely reached you. We hope you will be able to make some arrangment with our friends at Buenos Ayres for the repayment of said bills with the customary allowances thereon. Should you be able to realise the money for them in time to rem the proceeds by the return of the Minerva we wish you to lock in whatever you may think will prove the mo advantageous remittance. This transaction we wish kept distinct from the Minervas Cargo and freight to be allowed at the Customary rates and consignment to our order

We hope you will be able to settle the busines amicably and without much trouble, but should any further documents be needed you will please advise us & they shall be immediately forwarded. With the best Mr Anthonys best respects to Mr Brickhead We a With much esteem Your friends

(Signed) William R Roth & Co

Copy

Baltimore 28 Nov. 1826

Capt. William Hammond

Dear Sir,

In addition to the remarks of W. T. Russell, we have to add, that it is the wish of the owners of the Mexican, Should you be able to effect a sale of her for the sum of Ten thousand dollars, that you should dispose of her, and the proceeds together with that of the Cargo, have remitted home, either in Specie, produce, or bills of Exchange, if ~~you take~~ the latter, be particular to have them guaranteed by a good house, —

Should you invest the proceeds of your funds in Coffee, be particular to get the green Colour, that being much preferred in the New York market. — If in Santos Sugars, take the white, as it will be entered in this Country on the same duty as brown, Hides from 25 to 28 ℔ each are to be preferred. — We will make this remark that whatever you may invest your funds, let the quality of them, always be good for the kind of article purchased. — You will keep us advised of your proceedings whenever any opportunity presents, & should you go to Europe we will endeavour to meet you with advice if practicable

Yours &c

W R & C

Henry Payton & Co New Bedford Dec 5. 1826

Annexed we send you an order from Sam[l] Rodman on Henry Payton for dividend from the estate of George Sears to W[m] Rotch Sons, likewise an order from W[m] Rotch Jr on the same for dividend from the same estate to W[m] Rotch Jr & Co which please do us the favour to collect and place the am[t] to our credit, and advise us of the same

The weather has been so fine the past week that we hope by to day you have been able to get the Minerva to sea — By the Sloop Niles to leave here in the course of a week we shall make you a shipment of Spermt Candles

Yours &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

Adam Norrie Dec[r] 9. 1826

Yours of the 5[th] Inst[t] is before us. and above we send you our draft on Fish Spinner & Co for $99.84, the am[t] which you claim for A. Barclay & Co for loss sustained on exchange purchased by us at your request which we hope is satisfactory to them & yourself

Yours &c
W. R. Rotch & Co

John B. Aguirre Esqr Dec[r] 9. 1826

Your esteemed favours of the 21[st] & 27[th] July & 27[th] Aug[t] were duly rec[d] with Acc[t] of the freight and disbursments of the Ship Minerva, and the Sales of her cargo of Whale Oil, which we have found Correct and satisfactory — It is our opinion however, had you delayed the Sale a little longer, it might have proved for our interest, of this, you of course were better able to judge than ourselves and exercised your best judgement therein

Should your market next Spring be favourable for further shipments of Whale Oil, we

shall probably avail ourselves of it. In the mean time we remain with esteem &c

W. R Roteh & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co 12m° 13. 1826

By the return of the Ann we wish you to send us for the Ship Frances

47 barrels New prime pork
2 tierces ab^t 14 bushels Beans
2 do — — 14 — — Peas

and charge the same to our acc^d

Respectfully Yours
W. R Roteh & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co^ 12m° 18. 1826

You will oblige us by transferring from Tho^s Roteh's acc^o to our debit the am^t your Invoice 80 barrels flour due 1m° 21. 1827 $421.05 also transfer 4m° 14 1827 when the Invo: copied becomes due $1000. these articles were for the Ship Frances of which we have taken the agency.

Yours &c
W. R Roteh & Co

James Hall Esq^r Dec^r 20. 1826

Above you have our draft for $400 on Elisha Hathaway & Co^ payable the 3^d Jany next being am^t of our years Int to that date on our joint Note with Jo^s Roteh for $8000 to the N. E. M Ins Co^ —

We are informed by Jo^s Roteh that you are willing to transfer the loan made us to him for $8000. which will be agreeable to us. & you can endorse our Note to him, and we will pay him the Am^t —

We have signed a joint Note with him for said am^t bearing Interest from the 3^d Jany next at 6 p^r ct pan.

Yours Respectfully
W R Roteh & Co^

Rich.d G. Howland New Bedford 12m.o 21. 1826

Owing to unpleasant weather we have not been able to get the Cargo of Corn discharged tile this afternoon, it overruns 168 bushels, we had to make an allowance in the sale of 116 bushels of 60 cts. as it has been heated a little

The Corn did not sell for so much as we had anticipated in consequence of considerable quantities being daily expected. The prices sold at was 66 & 67 2200 bu: $1450 at 4 m.o C.— 1200 bu $500 cash after expenses are paid— We shall forward you the Sales early next week. The above Statement will be near enough to govern you in disposing of the Am.o

Your letter of the 13. is rec.d

Yours &c

W. R. & H.o

R. G. Howland 12m.o 27. 1826

Annexed we hand you acc.o Sales the cargo of Corn rec.d p. Sch.r Union for your acc.o Net proceeds $1955 16/100 due 3m.o 22. 1827 which we hope will be found correct & satisfactory. Your favour of the 21. Inst.o is before us and as you wish the Am.o placed in N. York, we herewith annex our draft dated 12m.o 22. 1826 on our friends Fish Grinnell & H.o New York for $1955. 16/100 payable in three Months from date, drawn in your favour, this we presume will answer your purpose,

There is a considerable quantity of Corn now here, purchased at 50 Cents held at 62½ Cts. — Yours &c

W. R. & H.o

Thos. Whitridge 20 Feb. 1827

You have annexed Invoice & bill lading 2000 bushels Lisbon Salt & Sloop Traveller which please dispose of to best advantage and the proceeds place to our Cr.

Yours &c

W. R. & H.s

W Payson & Co

New Bedford Feb 20. 1827

By the Sloop Traveller to leave here tomorrow Mr Rupsen will send you an Invoice of oil & Candles — Three pipes for our acc^{t} — on acc^{t} of which you will have funds & property to the am^{t} of about $7500 including balance of our acc^{t} in your hands — We are about making considerable purchases of Sperm oil, and should like to avail ourselves of an advance from you on acc^{t} of ^{2} property to the am^{t} of from $3 to $3500 if agreeable for you to make it by remitting us a check on Boston or N York — We should like to receive our acc^{t} current with you and also advice of the am^{t} rec^{d} of W Payson for dividend to W R & Son & to R J R & Co — We shall draw on you for acc^{t} of one of our friends $25 which please honour We should be pleased to hear from you on acc^{t} of this

Yours &c
W R & Co

N. Bedford 2m 26. 1827

Fish Gurney & Co

Your fav 20th Inst^{t} is before me by which I notice the terms on which R & R Dicks will furnish the cordage for the new ship — they are rather more favourable than the terms from Boston — You say nothing of your opinion as to the quality of the cordage the Dicks' will make, we presume it will be well made & as good as the hemp will permit, with this impression you are authorised to make the Contract — You know we want good cordage, & in making the contract you will of course do all you can to guard & obtain that of first quality — We had determined to have 6 threads on a side, but think 8/4 In. not large enough, we shall give you the dimentions &c in a few days — Believe there will be no occasion for us to have the cordage here before the 15th April, if therefore it is delivered to you by the 10th Apr^{l} it will be in season — We notice your

remarks respecting Copper to Wm Swain that it is 26¢ and in your opinion will soon rise — Now we shall not want our Copper before the 1st to 15th of May, & if in your opinion there will be a saving if purchas it now or any time previous to the first of May you will please do it. we want 1250. viz

250 Sheets	26oz	You will understand our views
400 "	28	in regard to the purchase of
300 "	30	the Copper, & wish you to exercis
300 "	32	your best judgement respecting it
1250 Sheets		

We want the Standing rigging laid 4 stranded & of course shall not worm it — There is two ways of laying a four stranded rope, the old fashion was laying a strand in the middle, we presume the Wicks will lay it otherwise — the old fashion was bad & we don't want it in that way

Yours &c
Signed Wm Grinnell Jr.

Fish Grinnell & Co° Dec 26. 1827

Respected Friends

We shall want in the course of a Month for the Ship Wm Rotch, the following quantity of Sheathing Copper

240 Sheets	32 oz	
160 "	28 "	
100 "	26	
200 "	24	
100 "	22	
800 Sheets.		

which we leave you at liberty to purchase either now, or to wait awhile, whichever you may think most to our interest. Should you include it in the purchase of Copper for the New Ship, you will please have it marked different. We also wish you to purchase us for the Wm Rotch a Main Shroud 69 fath of 8 Inch: a Main topmast stay 15½ fath: 7 Inch: laid four strands of fine yarn & topped hemp. we presume you may be able to obtain this rigging of the Wicks' at the same price as that for the

new ship – We should like to have the rigging by the return of the Expt. to leave here in a few days – & should the copper be purchased it had better come in her

Yours &c
W R R & Co

J. Buckhead & Co

March 8. 1827

Your favr 15 Jany & the Brig Columbus we have rec.d annexing a Statement of the settlement of the protested exchange guarantied by Messrs Tim.s Harris & Co and enclosing two bills of Exchange drawn by Dan.l Hannah on Hon Israel Thorndike Boston Amo to $3000 which we regret to say have been noted for non acceptance. Notices to those interested we herewith enclose & request you will do us the favour to forward them – The bill for $312 15/100 on De Forest How we have forwarded to N. York & have not yet learned its fate – We learn one of the house of the drawers of the bills on M Thorndike is in Boston, & we hope at maturity he will make provision for their payment – We regret being under the necessity of troubling you so much in this affair, but know not well how to avoid it

By this Teacher you Capt Hand.s we presume will have left Rio – as well as Capt Lumbard in our Brig Argus, should he have been to your port. –

We are &c
Signed W R R & Co

Thos Dickason & Co

Mar.ch 12. 1827

Your favr 19 Jany enclosing your acco Current to the end of last year is rec.d and we have conformed our books thereto the bal: £1024.15.3 to your Dr in new acc.t

We notice your remarks respecting our order in favr of B Rodman for £1000 that it had not been acted upon – it was his intention that it should have been, and we have now to request that you will please place at his disposal £1000 from the 1st day of Jany last past. which Amo is to

your ltr at that time, with us in New acco: & oblige

Yours &c
W R Roth & Co

Fish Gunnell & Co

4 Mo 18. 1827

We have now nearly completed the repairs on the Eliza & shall have her in complete order — We notice the quotations for Rice in your Market & think if we could get a Cargo of good Rice to cost about 3½ cts ₱ lb, it would do to venture upon it, for the Bremen Market & would pay a freight for the Bark to proceed from Bremen to Gothenburg for a Cargo of Iron & return to N York — The Bark will carry about 650 Casks but 500 Casks would furnish funds enough for a return Cargo we should prefer putting into her that quantity & if we could fill up on freight We presume the Rice could be bought on a Credit of 4 Mo: & if so we wish to know if it would be perfectly agreeable & convenient for you to be in advance for us about One half the Cost of the Cargo until funds are realized from the return Cargo — The rem half we would have with you before the 1st expired — We shall be able to get the Eliza to N York by the 1st to the 5th of next Mo: We presume Mr Goverkort would take the rem part of the part if not other shippers might be found — You will oblige us by an answer hereto & give us your opinion on the subject, if you should think it most advantageous to purchase before the Bark should get to N York you had better do it, bearing in mind that the quality of the Rice must be prime. —

Yours &c
W R & Co

Fish Gunnell & Co

Apl 20. 1827

In addition to the Order written for the New Ship please procure the following

1 Stream Cable or Hawser	8½ In	85 Fath
1 buoy Rope	7½ "	20 "
1 " "	6½	17 "

If you have not been able to get us a 2nd hand Chain Cable please get us a a new English one of 75 Fath: (to be proferred) 1⅛ In: also two Bow Hawse boxes to bolt on the outside with collers. (not shoots) also 2 Casks best quality Rice for L. W. Rotch, & send us by return of Capt.

Yours &c
W R & Co.

Fish Gunnell & Co

Apl 23. 1827

Yours of the 20th is at hand, & we agree with you in opinion that a part of the Cargo for the Eliz: had better be in some other articles than Rice if they could be laid in at a fair prospect of paying a freight, for instance 4 Square bales of Cotton suited to that market, or any other article which in your & Mr Gevekohts opinion would answer as well & lessen the quantity of Rice in proportion — 400 Casks Rice & 100 Square bales of Cotton with what Pl: the Night make would be sufficient to lay in a Cargo of Iron — & we leave you at liberty to invest from 2 to $3000 in articles other than Rice as you may think most to our interest — By your Ap 16th Gun we learn that a part of the Rice is purchased, the price we think will answer

Yours &c
W R & Co

Alex^r Barclay & C^o May 11. 1827

We have despatch in the course of this month our Bark Ship Elizabeth Capt Parker from New York for Bremen, from thence to proceed to your port for a return cargo of Iron. the Mem^d of the Sizes thereof, we herewith send you, that you may have more time to select the Sizes. our friends F. & E. Delius, will advise you what am^t of funds they will have for our acc^t which will govern you as to the quantity of Iron to purchase. we think they will be ample for 200 tons

Your friends
W. R. Roteh & C^o

Fish Spinney & C^o 5th^o 11. 1827

The Eliz^h will leave here in the course of the day or tomorrow Morn^g If the quality of the Coffee by the Minerva is suited for the Bremen market we think you had better deliver us 250 bags of it for the Eliz^h unless W. T. Rathbone should determine to send the Minerva to Europe with the Coffee, in which case, he might wish to send the whole — Should you however have made a purchase as before requested of course we shall not want the Coffee — the 400 Casks of Rice with 250 bags of Coffee would furnish as much funds as we should wish, including the 100 boxes of Candles of which we enclose an Invoice

We also enclose 1^st & 2^d of letter to A. Barclay & C^o Gott^g and wish you to get a Mem^d of the Sizes of Iron suited to your market & attach to each letter & forward them by the way of England

Your friends

You will please render Capt Parker the needful assistance & furnish him with the needful for his disbursements — The Invoice of the Cargo including the Candles to be for acc^t of ourselves & Capt Clark, & consigned to F. & E. Delius Bremen — For nothing being our property

Yours &c
W. R. Roteh & C^o

F & E Delius

18 May 1827

We have despatched our B. S. E. Capt P. from this to N. Y. to take in a Cargo of Rice, Coffee &c. destined for your port & consigned to your address, which you will please cause & effect Sales thereof for our acct. — We wish the Eli proceed from N. to Gothenburg for a Cargo of Iron, & we wish on her arrival with you, you would advise our friends A & H & Co. thereof, make arrangements with them to draw for the proceeds of the Inward Cargo, when the exchange may be most favourable — will please State to them, the Amt you will probably receive from proceeds of the Cargo & further to govern them as to the quantity of Iron to purchase, as we should not wish more to be purchased than to the Amt of the funds in your hands, which we think will be amply sufficient — We have on board the Eli 100 boxes S. Candles of our own manufacture which we can recommend & hope you will be able to dispose of in your market — You will please furnish Capt P. with the necessary for his requirements, & render him what assistance he may require to make speedy despatch

Yours &c

W. A. & Co

Capt J. F. Parker

18 May. 1827

After completing your loading at N. Y we wish you to proceed with the Eli for Bremen, & consign the vessel & Cargo to our friends F. & E. D. to whom we enclose a letter. — after landing your Cargo you will make all possible despatch for Gothenburg for a Cargo of Iron, we have written our friends A & H & Co. to have a Cargo procured for you, that you may have as little delay as possible — Have your bills of lading for the Iron made out to order, should there be funds enough from the proceeds of your outward Cargo &c you may take as many tons of Iron as you think the Eli will bear. — & return to N. Y. to our friends F & E D

For your services the present voyage we shall allow you $30 pr Mo. wages — 5 pr Cent primage on $1200 of owners property to Bremen — 5 pr Cent prim: on $6 pr ton on the return Cargo of Iron — One half the Cabin passage money — also the primage on whatever freight you may obtain other than owners property

Wishing you a pleasant & short passage we remain,

&c W. A. & Co

Copy of two letters written by C. Quinnell for Dyer & Richmond. to procure Copper for Stem

May 22. 1827

We are in want of the following Copper for the use of a new Ship to be placed on her Stem as it can only be put on when she is hove down which will be done a week from this day, we wish you to use all possible speed in having it rolled & sent forward to us — If you are not able to roll it you will please forward the enclosed letter to Boston by the first mail You will please write us by return of mail whether you can furnish the Copper, & what day it will be done and whether you can send it down by the stage, if the stage cannot take it, we will send a waggon for it, We beg you will not omit writing by return of mail, because we wish to know whether you will furnish the copper or whether we must look to Boston for it The enclosed letter contains an order for it, which you will understand is not to be sent forward provided you can supply it — Yours &c

11 feet long 13 Inches wide } ¼ Inch thick
12 " " 13 Inches " }

The pieces or sheets are wanted as long as you can roll them to make the 11 or 12 feet. —

May 22, 1827

We are in want of the following Mem: of Copper to be used on the stem of a Ship, & as it can only be put on when she is hove down, which will be a week from this day, we wish you to use all possible despatch in rolling it & have it forwarded by the first Baggage waggon — You will please write us by return of mail what day you will be able to send it

11 feet long 12 Inches wide } ¼ Inch thick
12 " " 13 " " }

The sheets or pieces are wanted as long as you can roll them to make the 11 & 12 feet. —

Thos Whitridge Wmsburg 4 June 1827

We wish you to purchase & send us by the first opportunity that presents

90 bbls Sugr Scratches or fine flour
50 do — do Super fine do

In the selection of the latter we wish you to be particular to get that which has not been exposed to the weather, & that the quality be good.

The 80 barrels which you sent us of this kind was not all free from being musty

Yours &c

RG Howland 4th June. 1827

We notice your remarks in your letter of the 4th Inst to W T Russell — We find that Low Corn is wanted here, there being very little in market & we cannot learn that any is expected. a Cargo would now command from 54 to 56 Cents — a considerable quantity of flour will be wanted soon for the bank whalemen & we think a small advance upon the cost & charges may be safely relied on for good Sugr D. fine & Low Scratches do — Our stone being of stone is very cool & would keep the flour well. Should it be necessary to store it Sus D. fine $5 to $5⅛ — How D. $5½ — As we have observed in our former letters — you cannot calculate on much profit on these articles with us, but if you can get them freighted low, they will generally pay something Should you think it an object to send us any flour or Corn, we will do our best endeavours to effect a sale of them as advantageously as possibly

Whale oil (last sales by the Cargo 33 ct 60 ds. will probably be down to 22 cash —

Yours &c

Signed W. R Rotch & Co

Fish Grinnell & Co New Bedford Dec 11. 18

We wish you to procure for the Napoleon a large size Caboose, such as the Liverpool packets have and send us by the Expt—

We shall want for the Barclay the following copper in the course of three weeks. & wish you to procure it for us in that time, either purchase it now or wait a little while, we should prefer its being on a Co's

230	Sheets	32 oz
50	"	30 "
175	"	28
100	"	26
100	"	24
655	Sheets	

We have your favr of the 8th with the Elis" acct— The copper we should prefer being shipped by the Expt—

Yours &c
Wm R Coles & Co

B 144 Sheets 18oz
27 — " 28oz
655
826

F. & E. Delius 14 June 1827
& B. Clitus

Our last respects were under date of the 18th ult which we now confirm — The Elis" sailed from N York the 30th ult: & we trust ere this reaches you, she may have arrived in safety — her Cargo on our acct consists of 364 tierces prime Rice
50 half do "
250 bags St Domingo Coffee
100 boxes S. Candles
also 3/4 Int in an Invce of 94 Chests & 4 half Chests Young Hyson Tea — besides fr & primage about $800 — we hope you will be enabled to effect Sales of the above at prices that will at least leave us a fair freight, the proceeds of the Cargo & freight money, we hope will be more than sufficient to load her with a Cargo of Iron at Goth — whatever bal. there may be please let it remain to our Co's as we may have occasion for more funds in your quarter this year

Yours &c
W R & Co

Adam Ringsley Jr
Canton

New Bedford 21. June 1827

Your fav. of the 7th Inst with the necks and Spindle were duly rec.d & the workmanship very satisfactory – I herewith enclose you fifty dollars in two of $30 & $20 on the P. Com.l Bank, Should this am.t not be sufficient to pay the bill including the Carting, I can repay it hereafter. Excuse my neglect in not answering your letter before

$30 N.o 558 A 8m.o 17. 1816 to J. Allen
$20 N.o 653 AJ 8m.o 9. 1825 J.B. Conydon.

Your Ob.t Serv.t
Com.l Gleaves Jr.
by W.R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford June 21 1827

J.P. Hutchinson
Resp.d Frd.

The Brig Tomax being bound from here direct for your port presents us an opportunity to acknowledge the several letters rec.d from you from time to time since the Eliza.s was at Lisbon – We have Cr. you in Acct for disbursements & Invoice of Fruit & Salt Rs 940.127 the cost of Wine rec.d vide new York you have not given us which please do when you forward us Sales of the Staves & Candles We fear the Eliz.a Cargo will not pay her much for freight but we rely entirely on your judgement in effecting Sales thereof knowing our best interest will be consulted we hope however ere long you will be enabled to hand us Sales thereof, please accept our thanks for your kind presents of Citron & Orange trees.

Respectfully &c
(Sign.d) W.R. Rotch & Co

Henry Payson & Co

New Bedford 29 June 1827

Having some heavy payments to make the middle of next Mo: for S. Oil, we should be pleased to avail ourselves of an advance from you on acc: of oil & candles shipped you. Please advise us the am: we may value on you for, & if agreeable at 5ds sight — Mr W. T Russell wishes us to say to you he should like to have an advance for the same purpose & requests you will inform if agreeable and the am:

Yours &c

W R Rotch & Co

New Bedford 6 Oct. 1837

Thos. W. Morgan

Respected Friend.

Annexed we hand you Invoice 20 casks Winter Oil per Sch Jane, which please dispose of, and place one half the proceeds to Credit of Jos. Grinnell Esq and one half to our credit, and forward us the sales — since the date of yours, granting us liberty to value on you for Eight thousand dollars, on acct of Oil & Candles, thus on hand, we have made you six shipments including the present, one on half would probably net about $11.500 — it would oblige us very much to have liberty to draw on you on acct thus 4 & 4 mo date, if you can accommodate us, please advise us, and the amt

We hope you will be able to close the sales of shipments made by Mr Russell for our joint acct soon, and forward him the sales —

Respectfully Your Friends

Signed — W. R. Rotch & Co —

New Bedford 10 Oct 1837

Grinnell Minturn & Co

Respected Friends

Enclosed we send you Invoice 30 casks Winter Oil (first quality) and 150 boxes Sperm. Candles, which please sell and the proceeds place One half to the credit of Joseph Grinnell. and one half to our credit and oblige

Your Friends

signed — W. R. Rotch & Co.

Newbedford 16 Oct 1837

Enclosed I send you by B Rotch am^{t} Collected for dividends this month Viz^{t}

Com^{l} Jns Co -- $120
Merchants Bank -- 81
Mechanics Do -- 21
Marine Do -- 30

Amo^{t} to Two hundred & fifty two dollars. —

I remain with much respect
Your friend
(Signed) J. R Anthony

To Mrs G. B Emerson
Boston

New Bedford 10 mo 17. 1837

Hos^{t} R. Morgan

Respected Friend

Annexed we send you invoice 34 Casks Sperm Oil per Sch. Wm Brown of which please receive and dispose of, the proceeds place one half to the Credit of Jos Grinnell & one half to our credit — We are in receipt of yours of 11 th Inst, we shall avail ourselves of the liberty given to draw from time to time as we have payments to make to the extent of six thousand dollars, and when that is used, we trust the situation of our affairs will be such as to warrant a further to draw

With much respect
Your friends
signed J. R. Anthony for the
late firm of W. R. Rotch & Co

New Bedford 31 Oct 1837

Thos Roteh Esq

Respected Friend

By direction in your letter to your brother Joseph, we have delivered A H Campbell your share of Ship Barclay's Cargo. The whole quantity brought home was 42914 (136 bbls) Galls @ 734 -- $31507.76
Less pd out to the officers, and charges --- 5864.72
$25462.30

1/6 of which is $4243.75 to your credit — a part of the Crew that were shipped to supplan those that deserted were paid by the month —

The Arnold is expected home in the course of a week or ten days, we shall then determine what course to pursue regarding fitting the Barclay —

Enclosed we send you the Barclay's acct, with your acct balance due us $34.69 to meet ays — all which we hope you will find correct and satisfactory —

Sperm Oil Crude 78 to 80 ¢ —

Respectfully Your Friends

Signed — { J. R. Anthony for the late firm of W. R. Roteh & Co

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Robt Brown & Co

N. Bedford 7 Nov 1837.

Your favr 23 ult. was duly rec. and its contents noted, — In the Acc. Current you forwarded us some time since, we notice you charge us $531.30 for ½ loss of a sale of oil to S. Thurston dec 3 mo 3. 1837 this we presume has since been paid, as we understand he did not stop payment until a Month after that date, and on that day particularly paid his notes at Bank — There appear also other charges in that a/c for bad debts which has not then become due, You will oblige us by examining in to our acc; and ascertain what further Am. should be C. us. —

We also learn for the first time a bad

debt of $272 due in 1834 now charged us — we ought to have been advised of it ere this

Respectfully Yours
Signed JRA for the late firm of WARK's

New Bedford 20 Jan 1838

Above I send you J. Williams Jr Cash. check on Suffolk Bank for three hundred and forty three dollars being the am[oun]t I received yesterday from Mr Whitehead at Key West in anticipation of some collections he will make soon for your a/c

With much esteem
Your friend
signed — J. R. Anthony

To
Mrs Mary Emerson
Boston —

James Rickard in Bruges
Richard

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